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WWI through posters and cartoons

**Directions**: Open the PowerPoint “WWI Through Posters and Cartoons” and discuss the different themes of the following groups of posters and political cartoons. Make reference to specific things in the posters or cartoons that would lead you to your conclusions.

1. Slides 2-7 – Encouraged Americans to join the war effort.
2. Slides 8-14 – The theme of the following posters are propaganda posters promoting American citizens to produce food rations and save food rations for the United States. This is shown because in the posters, it is showing people farming for food or telling the audience to save food and ingredients. Advocated for conservation of food resources for oversea American soldiers and advocated for the growth of local vegetable and fruits. Furthermore, to save resources for the military.
3. Slides 15-18 – Convincing minorities to join the war effort.
4. Slides 19-22 – The propaganda posters are intended to convince Americans to join the war effort and enlist in the military. This is because the posters emphasized the word, “Enlist”. Also, in slide 19, the United States is trying to gather money to fund the war effort by having citizens buy war bonds. To fight against the Germans since they rape, pillage and loot women and children.
5. Slides 23-24 – Painting Germany as a violent country.
6. Slides 25-26 – On slide 25, the poster is promoting the Red Scare. The poster is trying to convince Americans that communism is bad and that they should not be in the United States and kept out. The United States is trying to prove that communists are bad through saying that they are anarchists and a Bolshevik trying to crawl under the United States. Then, on slide 26, it is telling us about the Zimmerman Telegram.
7. Slides 27-31 – League of Nations did not fit with the Constitution. If the United States joins the League of Nations, then it would restrict us. Only Congress can declare war and the President cannot make decisions with the military. The United States is the keystone of the nation bridge and would never join the League of Nations.