

# Homework #15 – Due Tomorrow

**Cartoon due by Friday**

**Aim:** How did the USA prepare to fight in World War I?

**Do Now:** Could the USA have avoided involvement in WWI? Explain.

# US Preparations

- Committee on Public Information 1917
- Led a *propaganda campaign* to encourage Americans to support the war effort
- Sauerkraut became “Liberty cabbage”,  
Hamburger became “Salisbury Steak”

# ***"Do Your Bit For America"***

## ***April 15, 1917 – Woodrow Wilson***

### **My Fellow Countrymen**

The entrance of our own beloved country into the grim and terrible war for democracy and human rights which has shaken the world creates so many problems of national life and action which call for immediate consideration and settlement that I hope you will permit me to address to you a few words of earnest counsel and appeal with regard to them...

There is not a single selfish element, so far as I can see, in the cause we are fighting for. We are fighting for what we believe and wish to be the rights of mankind and for the future peace and security of the world.

To do this great thing worthily and successfully we must devote ourselves to the service without regard to profit or material advantage and with an energy and intelligence that will rise to the level of the enterprise itself. We must realize to the full how great the task is and how many things, how many kinds and elements of capacity and service and self-sacrifice it involves...

We must supply abundant food for ourselves and for our armies and our [navy]men, not only, but also for a large part of the nations with whom we have now made common cause, in whose support and by whose sides we shall be fighting...

The supreme test of the nation has come. We must all speak, act, and serve together!

# *Gallery Walk Activity*

- Travel around the room in your group to look at the different propaganda posters.
- **Record the following in your notebook:**
  - a. Document # \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Based on the document set, what actions did/would Americans take to participate in preparing for war?
  - c. What arguments, images, symbols, or ideas were used to convince Americans to participate?

# *Final Summary*

- Answer today's Aim Question in your notebook.
- Cite information from the documents!