Guiding Questions

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President Wilson's Speeches

1. Read the first speech. Does Wilson think the United States should enter WWI? Why or why not?

2. Read the second speech. Does Wilson think the United States should enter WWI? Why or why not?

3. Contextualization: Use the 1917 speech to "imagine the setting." (a) What does Wilson accuse Germany of doing? (b) Do you think this is a good reason to go to war? (c) What additional information would you need to have before making a decision?

4. Close reading: Re-read the last two paragraphs of the 1917 speech. Why do you think Wilson added these paragraphs? How do you think these words made Americans feel?