



Timeline Unscramble

Activity: Timeline Unscramble

Category: Worksheet

Series: America at War (World War I: 12 Things to Know)

Supplies

- *World War I: 12 Things to Know*
- The book's 12StoryLibrary.com page: <http://www.12storylibrary.com/non-fiction/america-at-war/world-war-i/>
 - The "Interactive World War I Timeline" web resource
- Unscramble the Timeline worksheet (attached)

Prep

Read through *World War I: 12 Things to Know* with the students, or assign it to them to read on their own. Print one Unscramble the Timeline worksheet for each student.

Directions

Chapter 1 ("War to End All Wars Begins") explains how the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand on June 28, 1914, sparked the beginning of World War I. The war began one month later on July 28, when Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

Chapter 2 ("United States Declares War on Germany") skips to 1917, when the Zimmermann Telegram was intercepted and the United States entered the war. This chapter gives just a brief, one-paragraph summary of the years in between.

Today the students will use the "Interactive World War I Timeline" web resource to find out what was happening in the meantime. Give each student an Unscramble the Timeline worksheet. Have them put the events in chronological order. They should also write the date each event happened in the blank next to it.

Evaluation

Give the students one point for each event they put in sequence correctly and one point for writing down the correct date for each event. RI 4.5, RI 4.7

Purpose

To help students learn to navigate through information presented visually, to place a series of events in chronological order, and to better understand the events at the beginning of World War I.

Unscramble the Timeline

Use the “Interactive World War I Timeline” web resource to put the following events in chronological order. Also write the date each event happened in the blank next to it.

- _____ A. Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia, and World War I begins.
- _____ B. Marie Curie helps equip ambulances at the front with X-ray equipment.
- _____ C. A torpedo from a German U-boat sinks the steamer Aztec.
- _____ D. US President Woodrow Wilson is re-elected.
- _____ E. A German officer blows up a bridge across the St. Croix River in Maine.
- _____ F. Poison gas is used successfully for the first time on the Western Front.
- _____ G. The United States learns of the Zimmerman Telegram.
- _____ H. A torpedo from a German U-boat sinks the passenger ship *Lusitania*.
- _____ I. Hundreds of soldiers on the Western Front observe a Christmas truce.
- _____ J. The United States declares war on Germany.

Unscramble the Timeline (Answer Key)

Use the “Interactive World War I Timeline” web resource to put the following events in chronological order.

1. July 28, 1914 A. Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia, and World War I begins.

6. April 1, 1916 B. Marie Curie helps equip ambulances at the front with X-ray equipment.

9. April 1, 1917 C. A torpedo from a German U-boat sinks the steamer Aztec.

7. November 7, 1915 D. US President Woodrow Wilson is re-elected.

3. February 2, 1915 E. A German officer blows up a bridge across the St. Croix River in Maine.

4. April 22, 1915 F. Poison gas is used successfully for the first time on the Western Front.

8. March 1, 2017 G. The United States learns of the Zimmerman Telegram.

5. May 7, 1915 H. A torpedo from a German U-boat sinks the passenger ship *Lusitania*.

2. December 25, 1914 I. Hundreds of soldiers on the Western Front observe a Christmas truce.

10. April 6, 1917 J. The United States declares war on Germany.