

## The Sinking of the Lusitania

The sinking of the *Lusitania*, a British passenger ship, was a pivotal event in World War I and led the United States to make some difficult decisions. Fill in the blanks of the news story by using the word bank at the bottom of the page.

World War I began in \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_. During this time, a passenger ship from \_\_\_\_\_ sailed out of a New York port to \_\_\_\_\_. Germany took out an advertisement in the \_\_\_\_\_. It said that all ships sailing under the British flag were subject to attack. Up until this time, passenger ships had not been involved in the war. The *Lusitania* left on \_\_\_\_\_ and was \_\_\_\_\_ hours late. The Captain of the *Lusitania* was \_\_\_\_\_. *Lusitania* was hit by a torpedo off the coast of \_\_\_\_\_. The ship took \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to sink. There was a second explosion on the *Lusitania*. Some say that it was \_\_\_\_\_ being stored below deck, while others say that it was just the \_\_\_\_\_. Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ people lost their lives, \_\_\_\_\_ were Americans. Many Americans were outraged and demanded that the United States attack Germany. President Wilson responded by demanding that Germany stop attacking passenger and merchant ships.

### Word Bank

- Liverpool, England
- May 7, 1915
- 18
- 1914
- Ireland
- Europe
- 2
- Great Britain
- ammunition
- 124
- water heater
- 1,200
- New York Times
- Captain Turner