The sinking of the Lusitania by the German U Boat 20 was one of the major factors why the United States joined World War I on the side of the Allies.

Shown below are photographs and a map, which will help you understand about the event.

A postcard showing the Cunard ship *Lusitania*

A copy of the sailing schedule for the *Lusitania* and an enlargement of the notice from the German Embassy that was located next to the advertisement.
A copy of the front page of the *New York Times*

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The proposed sailing course of the Lusitania and the actual course taken
A photo of a German U-Boat similar to U 20 that sunk the Lusitania

A recruitment poster for the Republic of Ireland to fight for the Allies after the sinking of the Lusitania