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WWI Socratic Seminar Entrance Ticket

In preparation of the discussion tomorrow, you MUST complete this sheet.

WWI Socratic Seminar is worth 25:

½ for this sheet (15 pts.)

½ for the discussion tomorrow (10 pts.)

Part 1: Use the documents to answer the questions below:

Document 1: Zimmerman Telegram

1. How do you think Americans living within the southwest react to the Zimmerman Telegram? Why?
2. Why do you suppose Britain held on to the Zimmerman Telegram for over a month before disclosing it to the American government?

Document 2: Norris’ speech

1. According to Senator Norris, who would benefit by America’s entrance into the war?
2. Do you think Norris presented a convincing argument for staying out of WWI? Explain.
3. Pick out one portion of his speech that has relevance to today’s world.

What does it relate to today?

Document 3: Dr. Abbot’s speech

1. What grounds does Dr. Abbot oppose the draft?
2. Do you feel his argument if valid at the time?
3. How do you feel about his argument if applied to today’s current global climate?
4. If the US gets involved in another major war in the next few decades, should you (male and/or female) be required to fight? Why?

Document 4: Sacramento Bee

1. Why would the opinions of a schoolteacher be important to a nation at war?
2. Do you think a similar article about a teacher could be published today? Why or why not?

Document 5: Sedition Act

1. What specific aspect of the Sedition Act are the most controversial? Why?
2. How do you feel about what it says?
3. Would the government be able to do this today? Explain.

Document 6: President Wilson’s Speech

1. Look at the date of this speech. Why was this speech so different from what he said to Congress on April 2, 1917?

Document 7: US Exports to Europe Chart

1. What conclusion can you draw from the chart?
2. Why is this significant to WWI?

Document 8: President Harding’s Speech

1. The “great storm” that Harding was referring to was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. How does he seem to feel about WWI?
2. How does he feel about foreign policy going forward? Be specific.

Part 2: Answer THREE of the questions in this section.

1. Was the U.S. justified in entering WWI? What are other viable alternatives to entering the war?
2. Did America enter WWI too late, too early, or just on time? Explain your answer.
3. Did Woodrow Wilson come out looking like a liar/hypocrite after WWI? Explain your answer.
4. What were the primary lessons the U.S. learned from WWI?
5. Did the U.S. earn the right to define the terms of peace at the Treaty of Versailles? Why or why not?

Part 3: Write down 2 questions of your own dealing with the United States in WWI.