**WWI Standards Assignment:**

**Supporting Statements With Evidence**

**DIRECTIONS: For each standard, you have been provided with topic statements. You job is to find evidence within the standards sheet that support those statements. Write down the evidence below each topic statement.**

**SS.912.A4.5: Causes, Course and Consequences of US involvement in WWI.**

**War Begins: There were numerous long-term causes of WWI.**

**American neutrality: The United States and its people wanted to stay out of the war during the first three years of fighting.**

**Cultural Ties: While wanting to stay neutral, Americans still cared who won. Most Americans chose sides based on ethnic heritage.**

**Freedom of the Seas: The United States believed in the principle of free seas, but the Germans violated that right.**

**The sinking of the *Lusitania* nearly pushed the U.S. into the war.**

**The United States enters the war: The Zimmermann Telegram and German use of U-boats led to American entrance into the war.**

**SS.912.A4.6: Examine how the US government prepared the nation for war with war measures.**

**Selective Service Act: The US built up its military using the draft**

**War Industries Board: The US government took firm control of the economy by creating the WIB.**

**CPI and War Bonds: The CPI worked to get support for the war and finance the war through war bonds.**

**The Espionage Act and Sedition Act: The US government used these laws to limit the rights of Americans.**

**SS.912.A4.8: Compare the experiences Americans had while serving in Europe**

**Ethnic minorities: Not all minority groups were treated the same in the armed forces.**

**Women: Women served many roles in the war theater.**

**Conscientious Objectors: People who objected to the war were treated poorly.**

**SS.912.A4.9: Compare how the war impacted German Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Jewish Americans, Native Americans, women and dissenters.**

**German Americans: German Americans were treated unfairly poor during the war, leading some to hide their heritage.**

**Other minorities and women: Many minorities, and women, benefitted from the war on the home front.**

**SS.912.A4.10: Examine the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles and failure of the United States to support the League of Nations.**

**Wilson wanted “peace without victory” and to not punish the losing side.**

**In the end, only a few of Wilson’s 14 Points were included in the Treaty of Versailles.**

**The U.S. Senate rejected the treaty based on the inclusion of the League of Nations.**