

## READING FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

**Making Predictions—Multiple Choice**

**Directions:** This passage is the text of a coded telegram from German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmerman to the German Minister to Mexico. It was deciphered by the British and presented to President Wilson. Use the passage and your knowledge of U.S. history to answer the questions.

**The Zimmerman Telegram**

FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of America neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, invite Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIMMERMANN.

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| <p>1. Which of the following was likely to happen when the United States learned about this telegram?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A Public opinion would turn against Britain.</li><li>B The United States would form an alliance with Mexico.</li><li>C The United States would declare war on Germany.</li><li>D None of the above</li></ul> | <p>2. How might the American discovery of this telegram change German military strategy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F Germany will attempt to persuade the United States to join the Central Powers.</li><li>G Germany will begin sinking American merchant ships.</li><li>H Germany will ask for a summit conference to work out the terms of a peace treaty.</li><li>J None of the above</li></ul> |
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