Bell Ringer: The Sinking of the Lusitania

Instructions: Examine the depiction. Read the background information. Answer the questions below.

Background: In 1917, a British blockade prevented resources from reaching Germany. Over 700,000 Germans reached the point of starvation. Germany began fighting the blockade by using submarines called U-boats. These weapons were extremely effective because they could go underwater and travel. On May 7, 1915, the Lusitania, a British Luxury Liner, was sunk and destroyed. Germany claimed it was carrying ammunition. Over 1,000 people died and 128 were American. America was furious with Germany over the incident. Above is a depiction of the event.

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