

Zimmermann Telegram

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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} ~~the~~ 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.

The Zimmermann Telegram

Student Response Sheet # 1

1. The purpose of the Zimmermann Telegram was to convince Mexico to:

- A. declare war on the United States.
- B. help Germany make peace with Japan.
- C. help keep the United States out of the war.
- D. launch submarine attacks against England.

2. In exchange for their help, Germany promised to give _____ to Mexico.

- A. financial support
- B. the islands of Japan
- C. New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona
- D. submarines

3. Based on the Zimmermann Telegram, what actions did Germany cite as being likely to “compel England to make peace?”

4. If Germany was unsuccessful in its goal of keeping the United States neutral, what did Germany propose to create with Mexico?
