

### Cause and Effect Chart - 2

Cause → Effect

1915 Lusitania is sunk  
by a German U-boat  
128 Americans die

1917 U-boats sink 3  
American merchant  
ships

U.S. <sup>1917</sup> joins Allied Powers

Many Americans in  
the war - from  
27,000 - 500,000  
by August of 1918

53,000 killed

Congress passes  
Selective Service Act

Men aged 18-45  
drafted