

INSTRUCTIONS

Zimmerman Telegram Activity:

You'll need:

- 1 coded sheet (included)

It's time to put your code breaking skills to the test! You'll see two things on your activity sheet: a cryptogram and a grid. The cryptogram is the message you need to decode, and the grid is the tool you'll use to decode it. To begin, draw a line after every two letters, so that the letters are broken up into pairs. Then, use the grid to find out what your letters stand for. Find the first letter in the pair on the far-left column. Find the second letter in the pair on the top row. Run your fingers down the column and row until they meet, and you'll have your first letter! (Hint: the first three pairs are FG|AF|AA and your first three letters are F E B)

Censoring Activity:

You'll need:

- 1 (completed) letter writing worksheet (included)
- 1 black marker

Make sure you've finished writing your letter home from the front lines. Once you're done, censor your letter. Mark out anything at all that could help the enemy, including things that could destroy morale (make people back home feel hopeless, like the war was going poorly, or like the war wasn't worth fighting). Make sure you don't let anything slip through!

Propaganda Poster Activity:

You'll need:

- 1 example poster (included)
- 1 sheet of paper
- Markers, colored pencils, or crayons

Propaganda posters were extremely important in WWI. They helped the military recruit soldiers, reminded people to ration more, encouraged people to buy war bonds, and kept people engaged in the conflict. Look at the propaganda poster that was included as an example of a propaganda poster geared towards children. Be creative and make your own poster about any wartime topic you'd like. Think about the audience you're trying to reach and what you want them to know.