

WWI Scenarios Decision-Making Checklist

Use this checklist to help your group think about your scenario related to the entrance of the United States into World War I.

- We determine what the goals of the United States should be in responding to the scenario and prioritize them.
- We analyze the scenario to identify the most important factors.
- We figure out what information we need to make a good decision and find it, if possible. If this information was not available at the time, we make the best guess we can based on what we do know.
- We generate numerous solutions, some of which are obvious, and some which are unconventional or unusual.
- We draw conclusions about the intended and unintended consequences of each of our solutions.
- We narrow down our list to those options that are most likely to help the United States meet its goals with the least number of negative consequences.
- We systematically weigh the benefits and drawbacks of each option.
- We select the best solution and plan how we will explain and support our decision.