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**WWI DBQ**

**This essay is based on a selection of the artifacts and documents in the World War I Kit from the Potsdam Museum. Analyze each carefully noting details that will help you address the Historical Context and Task below.**

**Historical Context:**

**When Europe erupted into war in 1914, the US tried to stay neutral. However, events unfolded which drew the nation into the conflict. In 1917, the United States mobilized to make the world “safe for democracy.” As a result, Americans in St. Lawrence County were affected by the Great War both at home and abroad.**

**Task:**

**Using your broad knowledge of social studies, the information from the artifacts and the accompanying scaffolding questions, write a well developed essay that addresses the task below.**

**Discuss four ways Americans in St. Lawrence County were affected by World War I.**

**Artifact/Document #1:**

Program		PATRIOTIC RALLY	Enlistment from Potsdam		
1. Patriotic Airs	Potsdam Band		 <i>To Honor Our Soldier Boys!</i> <u>Enlistment of 1917</u>  TOWN HALL, POTSDAM, N. Y. Thursday Evening, April twenty-sixth 1917	Company D., First Regiment, N. G. N. Y.	
2. Song, "America"	Audience	Earl Arton		Roy D. Graves	Floyd Murphy
3. "Our Boys"	Mr. George W. Sisson	Guy Brosh		George R. Jones	H. Floyd MacCarter
4. Song, "To Thee, O' Country"	Phoenix Club	Maurice J. Connolly		Leon LaFay	D. Francis McCarthy
5. "The Women"	Rev. Mr. Hamilton	William Gallagher		Howard LaClair	Bernard B. Olmstead
6. "The Men"	Rev. Father LaBelle	George E. Good		Raymond Lane	Lawrence E. Perkins
7. Soldier's Song	Male Quartette	George W. Goodhartt		Bernard H. Larabee	Leon Ritchie
8. "The Land"	Mrs. Paul Whitney	Albert J. Graves			Robert David Weller
9. "The Righteous Cause"	Dr. J. M. Thompson	Company D., Twenty-second Regiment, N. G. N. Y. Daniel Lefevre			
10. Presentation to Our Boys	Mrs. L. A. Wilson, Pres. Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. John Lennney, Treasurer, Committee.	American Ambulance Service in France Walter Coffin Sisson			
11. The Permanent Committee	Dr. F. L. Dewley	The following are already In Service Company C., First Regiment N. G. N. Y.			
12. "The Star Spangled Banner"	The Audience	Harold Griffiths		Howard O'Connor	Lloyd Parody
The audience will kindly remain standing while the Soldiers, Veterans and Firemen march out led by the Ogdensburg Fife and Drum Corps.		George Booth	James Murphy Glen Wires	Ernest Thompson	
		U. S. Naval Reserve, Coast Defense Stanley Howe Sisson			
		Spencer Wood			
		Arthur Wilbur			
		Signal Corps, U. S. A. Carleton Collins			
		Medical Corps, U. S. A. Robert Jesse Reynolds			

1. Identify the year of enlistment for which the program was published. \_\_\_\_\_

2. List two songs the public was invited to sing along with. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Explain why the citizens of Potsdam, NY would attend this event. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Artifact/Document #2:**

**Letter from Private Guy D. Brown,  
Potsdam, 1918**

"I will send you a list of the boys killed, wounded and gassed. These are just what I know of from Sunday's list, but when I get back to the company, I will send you a list of them all.

There were three Collins brothers in my company. Sunday morning when we went over the top Pete was killed. Sunday night, when the battle was still on, "Spike" and Joe, his brothers, went out over the top and hunted around. They found his body and buried it. We went over the top at 6:10 a.m. and I was wounded in the right arm and elbow, but not seriously. I am in the hospital now.

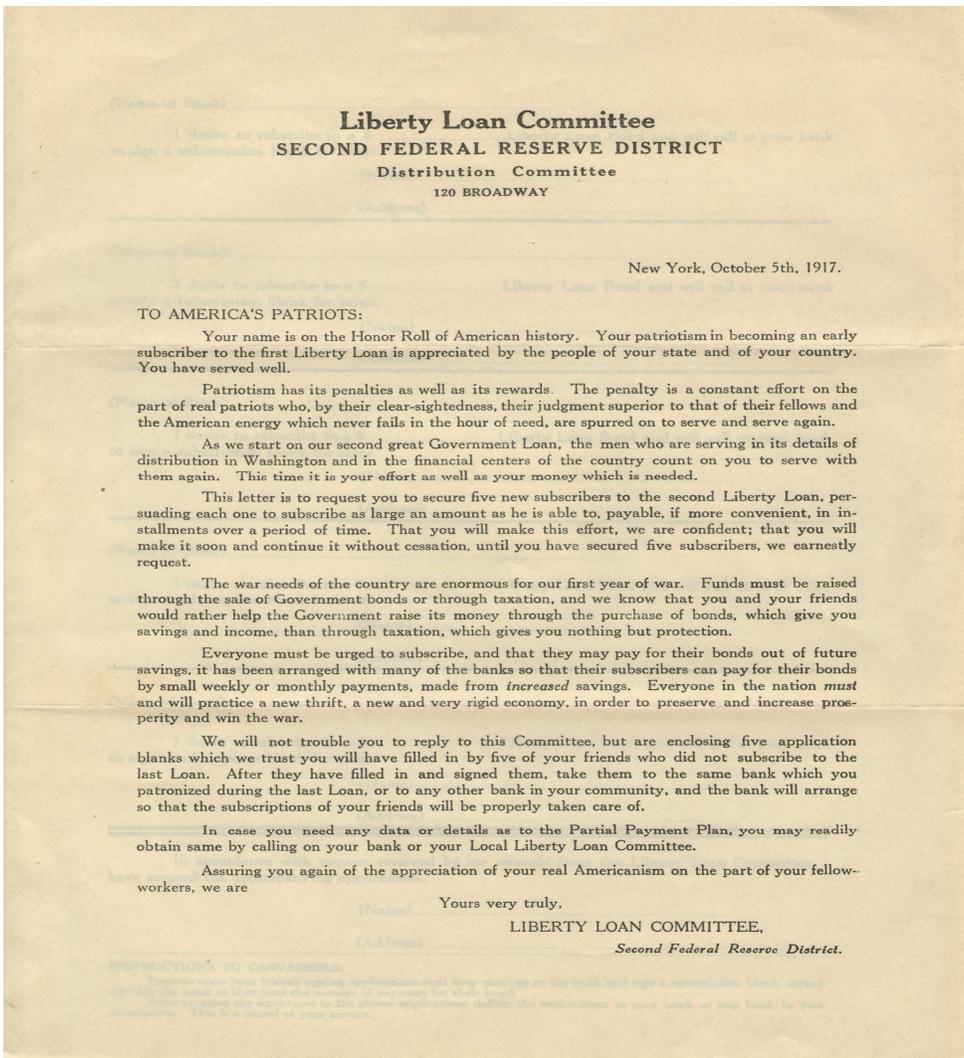


1. Name the author of this letter AND his hometown. \_\_\_\_\_

2. List 2 new techniques of war the author makes reference to in the letter. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Contrast the severity of the author's injuries to that of Pete Collin's. \_\_\_\_\_

**Artifact/Document #3:**



1. To whom is the letter addressed in the Greeting? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Explain why the Liberty Loan Committee addressed the letter that way. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe what the Committee is requesting in the letter. \_\_\_\_\_

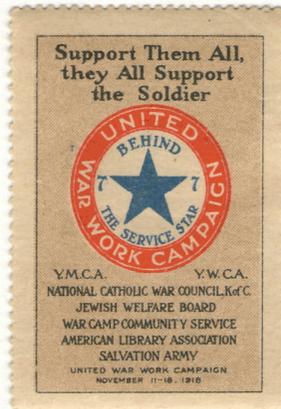
4. List two reasons the Committee gives in urging Americans to subscribe to bonds or Liberty Loans.

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**Artifact/Document #4:**



1. Name three organizations represented on the Liberty Stamps above. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Describe two ways these organizations helped the war effort. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Explain what is meant by the slogan on the stamp that says, "Morale is winning the war." \_\_\_\_\_

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**Artifact/Document #5:**



1. Based on these artifacts, list two roles women played in World War I. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Explain what the words on the stamp mean: "For Every Fighter, a Woman Worker." \_\_\_\_\_

**Artifact/Document #6:**

**COURIER & FREEMAN POTSDAM**  
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY. N. Y  
WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 4. 1918

**POTSDAM MEN  
DIE IN FRANCE**

**ROY GRAVES, FRANK BARCLAY  
AND LEON LA FAY  
ARE DEAD.**

George Goodhart Writes Word of Graves' Death,  
Official Telegram Coming Sunday, News of Bar-  
clay's Death Reached Here Thursday.

News has been received the past week of the  
death of three Potsdam men with the American  
Expeditionary Forces in France. Roy Graves,  
Company D, 17<sup>th</sup> Regt, was killed in action, Oc-  
tober 12. Frank Barclay 23<sup>rd</sup> Engineers, died of  
burns Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. Leon LaFay, Company D, 107  
Regt. died Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. LaFay had been in a hospital,  
wounded, for some time.

1. Name the newspaper that reported the deaths of three Potsdam men in 1918. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Identify the country where they died. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Explain how each of the men died. \_\_\_\_\_

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### TECH STUDENT MAKES DENIAL.

NOT GERMAN SYMPATHIZER  
SAYS MAX HOYER.

Says Government Didn't Ask Him  
About Wireless.

~~The Ogdensburg, Republican-Journal~~

"On Monday morning the Republican-Journal printed a story under a Canton date line stating that 'Max Hoyer, who resides on Crescent St., this village, and who erected an aerial in connection with his wireless telegraphy station some time ago, has been compelled to destroy his aerial because of an order issued by the government. It is said that Hoyer, who is of German descent, favors Germany's war policies and has been outspoken in his views regarding his mother country's attitude toward the United States. This is believed to have been the reason why the government ordered him to remove his aerial.'"

Information reaching this paper last evening from Potsdam, where Mr. Hoyer has been a student in the Clarkson College since last September, squarely contradicted the above, and the request was made that Mr. Hoyer's side of the matter be set forth. The young man is of German descent but is stated to be thoroughly Americanized; that instead of being outspoken in his sympathies for the Fatherland he has pursued a strictly neutral course in word and deed. Categorical denial of the statements was made in the following order: Mr. Hoyer's aerial outfit was dismantled last September and the wireless equipment has been disconnected since that time; he has received no notice from the government to destroy the apparatus and has not been outspoken in his views regarding the war issues.

The Republican-Journal's informant, who is officially connected with the Clarkson College, states that the young man has been greatly upset by the rumor and desires to be set right before the public."

1. Name the piece of equipment that was being used by Mr. Hoyer, that brought him to the attention of the police.

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2. Explain why Mr. Hoyer was under suspicion.

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