

World War I

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The MAIN Causes of WWI

Militarism - policy of building up strong military forces to prepare for war.

Alliances - Agreements between nations to aid and protect one another.

Imperialism - The seizure (takeover) of a country or territory by another country.

Nationalism - pride in or devotion to one's country.

The MAIN Causes of WWI: Militarism

- Long term military buildup
- European countries wanted to be stronger than each other
- Germany had become the strongest in mainland Europe
- Results
 - ◆ France, Italy, Japan, and the United States started to develop more advanced weapons

The MAIN Causes of WWI: Militarism

Total Defense Expenditures for the Great Powers [Ger., A-H, It., Fr., Br., Rus.] in millions of £s (British pounds).

1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1914
94	130	154	268	289	398

1910-1914 Increase in Defense Expenditures	
France	10%
Britain	13%
Russia	39%
Germany	73%

The MAIN Causes of WWI: Alliances

→ Support other countries if they are attacked

→ Examples:

◆ Triple Alliance: Central Powers

- Turkey, Austria-Hungary, Germany, Italy

◆ Triple Entente: Allies

- France, Russia, USA, Great Britain (FRUG)

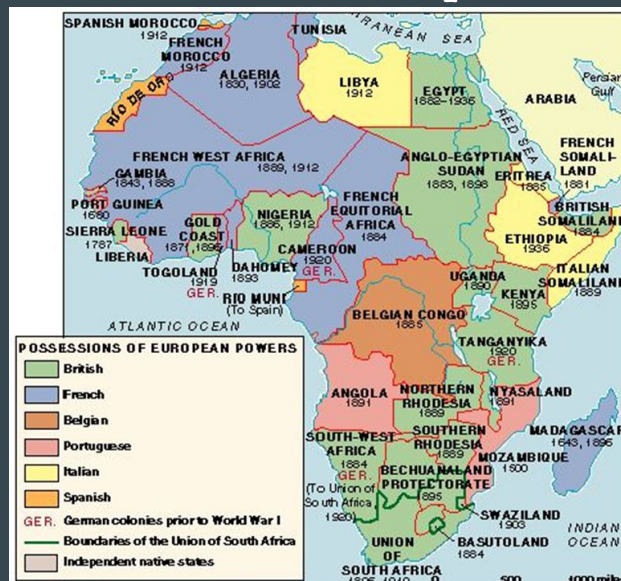
The MAIN Causes of WWI: Alliances



The MAIN Causes of WWI: Imperialism

- Dominating countries politically and economically
- Closely linked to industry
- Need for raw materials and markets
- Causes tension
- Examples
 - Russo-Japanese War over Korea
 - France and Great Britain nearly went to war in Africa

The MAIN Causes of WWI: Imperialism



The MAIN Causes of WWI: Nationalism

- Belief that national interests and national unity should be placed ahead of global cooperation
- Self-interest to guide foreign affairs
- Examples:
 - Germanic peoples (Germany/Austria) share common heritage and goals
 - Russia was regarded as the protector of Slavic peoples

The MAIN Causes of WWI: Nationalism




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Pan-Germanism - movement to unify the people of all German speaking countries

Germanic Countries

 Austria *

 Belgium

 Denmark

 Iceland

 Germany *

 Liechtenstein *

 Luxembourg

 Netherlands

 Norway

 Sweden

 Switzerland *

 United Kingdom

* = German speaking country

The MAIN Causes of WWI: Nationalism

Pan-Slavism - movement to unify all of the Slavic people



The Spark

The Spark: Assassination



*Archduke Franz Ferdinand and
Duchess Sophie at Sarajevo,
Bosnia, on June 28th, 1914.*

The Spark: Assassination



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Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand was killed in Bosnia by a Serbian nationalist who believed that Bosnia should belong to Serbia.



The Spark: Assassination



*Gavrilo Princip after his
assassination of Austrian Archduke
Franz Ferdinand.*



The Point of No Return

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The Point of No Return: The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand

Austria blamed Serbia for Ferdinand's death and declared war on Serbia.



Germany pledged their support for Austria-Hungary. (example of Pan-German nationalism)



Russia pledged their support for Serbia. (example of Pan-Slavic nationalism)



The Point of No Return: The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand

Germany declares war on Russia.



France pledges their support for Russia.



Germany declares war on France.



Germany invades Belgium on the way to France.



Great Britain supports Belgium and declares war on Germany.



World War I Begins

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