

## Causes of World War I - Guided Notes

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### I. Europe: Pre-WWI

- a. In Western Europe:
  - i. Nations achieved greater \_\_\_\_\_ than most other countries as a result of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. Governments and businesses wanted more \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ had a big lead over other countries when it came to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Late 1800's saw great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in many parts of the world.
- c. These disaster caused economic, social, and political \_\_\_\_\_ in African and Asian societies just when European power was the \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Europe's \_\_\_\_\_ competed with each other to \_\_\_\_\_ the modern world.
- e. Their competition helped cause \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Europe was not the only power

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ expanded their opportunities at home and \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ seized an empire in \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Causes of WWI

- a. M - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. A - \_\_\_\_\_
- c. I - \_\_\_\_\_
- d. N - \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Militarism

- a. Many of Europe's countries \_\_\_\_\_ to have the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Having a large military made each country believe they would never \_\_\_\_\_.

### V. Alliances

- a. The most powerful countries in Europe formed alliances to \_\_\_\_\_ each other and their \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. They believed alliances would \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Examples of Alliances
  - i. Triple Alliance (\_\_\_\_\_ Powers)
    - 1.
    - 2.
    - 3.
  - ii. Triple Entente (\_\_\_\_\_)
    - 1.
    - 2.
    - 3.

### VI. Imperialism

- a. European countries competed to control world \_\_\_\_\_.

b. This threatened other countries who continued to increase \_\_\_\_\_ to defend their interests.

**VII. Nationalism**

- a. Minority \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to break away from old European empires.
  - i. Examples: \_\_\_\_\_ Region
  - ii. Slavic Nations: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**VIII. Outbreak of WWI**

- a. Occurred in \_\_\_\_\_, Bosnia (Part of the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Empire
- b. Archduke \_\_\_\_\_ visited the region where \_\_\_\_\_ was very unpopular
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ ( a Serbian \_\_\_\_\_ ) Killed the archduke and his wife.
- d. This event \_\_\_\_\_ World War I.

**IX. Events Leading Toward War**

- a. Austria-Hungary sent an \_\_\_\_\_ to Serbia.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ defended Serbia to protect Russia's \_\_\_\_\_ in the Balkan region.
- c. Austria-Hungary declared War on \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Russia declared war on \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. German, allied with Austria-Hungary, declared war on \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. \_\_\_\_\_, allied with Russia, declared war on \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. WWI Begins

**X. Russian Nationalism**

- a. Developed as a result of Russia's \_\_\_\_\_ in WWI.
- b. The war severely strained Russian \_\_\_\_\_, causing \_\_\_\_\_ among the people.
- c. Nicholas II was unable to help his people and \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. The led other groups to attempt to \_\_\_\_\_.

**XI. The First World War: WHO?**

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| <p>a. <b>Central Power:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i.</li><li>ii.</li><li>iii.</li></ul> | <p>b. <b>Allies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i.</li><li>ii.</li><li>iii.</li><li>iv.</li><li>v.</li><li>vi.</li></ul> |
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**XII. New War Technology & Tactics**

- a. Technology dramatically \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Improvements included:
  - i.
  - ii.
  - iii.
  - iv.
  - v.
  - vi.
  - vii.
  - viii.