The Causes of the First World War

This resource supports the Free Causes PowerPoint
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Starter: use the images to help guess the factors that helped cause the First World War

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**1: The Bosnian Crisis**
What was Austria’s main problem after 1800?

Austria annexed Bosnia, what did this mean?

Which country did most Bosnians want to join with?

**2: Alliance Systems**

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**3: Militarism**

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**4: Imperialism**
List territories in the British Empire c 1900

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**5: Nationalism**
During the 1800’s countries in Europe experienced a growing sense of (1) _______ and love for their country. Germany and Italy had only become (2) _________ countries after 1860. This created an environment where nations wanted to prove that their country or the people within it were superior (3) _______ than others. The results of this were ...

1: _____________________________
2: _____________________________

**6: Assassination**
Do you think Gavrilo Princip was a nationalist (hero) or a terrorist (villain)?

I think Gavrilo Princip was a ...
because ...

**Skill:** knowledge and understanding.

**Explore:** their relative important

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The Decline Of Austria

The Franco-Prussian War

Imperialism

Growing Nationalism

Militarism / Naval Race

Alliance Systems

Bosnian Crisis

Assassination

Give 3 problems faced by Austria-Hungary during the 19th century
1:
2:
3:

The French policy of ‘Revengeism’
Give two effects of this policy
1:
2:

4 countries with colonies in Africa?
1:
2:
3:
4:

________________________ had the world’s strongest navy. The ________ Kaiser, Wilhelm, wanted to build a bigger, better navy than Britain. This started a ________ arms race and increased the rivalry between these two countries.

Who :

Why :

What Happened :

Effects :
Linking The Causes Of The First World War

**Task:** make connections or links between the factors that contributed towards the First World War
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The Balance of Power C __ __ __

_________________ because ______________

_______________________________________________________________________

I __ __ __ __ __ __

_________________ because ______________

_______________________________________________________________________

N __ __ __ __ __ __

_________________ because ______________

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The Alliance System S __ __ __

_________________ because ______________

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M __ __ __ __ __ __

_________________ because ______________

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_________________ because ______________

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Task: assign '60 credits of blame' to the causes of the First World War

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The Great War Had a Great Many Causes.

**Discover:** the causes of the war  **Explore:** the chronology of events  **Skill:** causation

**The British German Naval Race: c 1906**

Britain had the world’s strongest _________. The German Kaiser, Wilhelm, wanted to build bigger, better and ships than Britain. This started a naval arms race and increased the rivalry between them.

**The Bosnian Crisis: 1908**

Austria took over Bosnia. This angered ________ who wanted Bosnia for themselves. Serbia threatened Austria with war and formed an alliance with Russia.

**Imperialism + Empires: c1880**

Many European countries became involved in the ‘Scramble for Africa’, each taking over parts of Africa for themselves. This created rivalry, _________ and hostility.

**Alliance Systems Begin: 1882**

In 1882, Germany, Austria and Italy signed the Triple Alliance.

In 1907 ________, France and Russia signed the Triple Entente.

**Weakening Austria: c 1820**

Austria had once been a European superpower. But after a number of military defeats she began to lose her strength. Austria wanted to show the world she was still ________.

**Assassination of Ferdinand: 1914**

The Austrian Archduke was ________ by Bosnian nationalists. They wanted an alliance with Serbia. Austria blamed Serbia for the murder.

**Growing Nationalism: c1861**

In 1861 Italy became a united country. This signalled the growth of nationalism in many European countries. People wanted to show that their country was the _______ and most powerful.

**The Franco Prussian War: 1870**

A war between France and Germany (Prussia). Prussia won and took the border territory of Alsace Lorraine from France.

The Prussian victory also ended the Napoleonic Empire.

**July 29th : Austria attacks Serbia**

July 29th : Russia mobilises to defend ally Serbia

August 1st : Germany declares war on Russia

August 3rd : Germany declares war on France

August 4th : Germany invades Belgium (British ally)

August 4th : Britain declares war on Germany

Discover: the causes of the war  Explore: the chronology of events  Skill: causation

-1800  A long history of war between European powers

1808  Napoleon I of (France) invades Prussia (old parts of Germany)

1907  Britain, France and Russia sign the Triple Entente

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The Blame Game

Recap: who allied with who   Skill: forming and debating an opinion.

The Alliance Systems

Triple Entente   Triple Alliance

Recap: Following the Assassination of Ferdinand, Austria-Hungary attacked Serbia, Russia then mobilised her army to protect Serbia. In reply, Germany declared war on Russia and then France. Germany then invaded neutral Belgium. To protect Belgium, Britain declared war on Germany.

Which country was to blame for the First World War?

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Mission: to recap and rank the causes of the First World War.

Assassination

Imperialism

Declining Austria

Triple Alliance

Nationalism

Bosnian Crisis

Triple Entente

Franco-Prussian War

Naval Race

My Rank Order

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

Agreed Pair / Group Order

Most Important

Least Important
The Cartoon About The Grab Bags

**Discover**: how to identify main features of a cartoon  
**Explore**: how to interpret these features  
**Skill**: cartoon analysis and evaluation.

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**Message of the cartoon**  
(Write this AFTER completing DEC process)

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**Describe the main features of the cartoon.**

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**Explain what each of these features means / represents**

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**Context**: what historical event is this cartoon about?

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**Reliable or Not?**  
(Circle a score below)

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ACTIVITY # 18 / 101 - FOLLOW ME

How it works: Complete after ranking activity?
1: Select 6 students - assign each, one of the causes of the First World War. Allow them time to prepare an argument demonstrating why their cause was most important.
2: Present a concise opening argument to the class.
3: Students then join / follow their cause of choice.
4: Continue the debate allowing all students to contribute once they follow a cause.
5: Students can switch at any time.
6: Wrap up and rank the outcome.

Suggestions
Teacher to join / help the person with least followers

Skills
Persuasion
Debate
Listening

Adapt to
Any causes activity
Why the League of Nations failed
CAUSE 1

BOSNIAN CRISIS
CAUSE 2
ALLIANCE SYSTEMS
CAUSE 3

MILITARISM
CAUSE 4

IMPERIALISM
CAUSE 5

NATIONALISM
CAUSE 6

ASSASSINATION