

MAIN Causes of World War One

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MILITARISM

~Glorification of the military.

~In the years prior to WWI, European nations built large and powerful armies and navies.

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ALLIANCES

~Developing friendships with other nations.

~In the years before WWI, the nations of Europe set out to protect themselves by building alliances.

~These entangling alliances will draw them into a catastrophic war.



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IMPERIALISM

~One country's political, economic, and cultural domination over other lands.

~Prior to WWI, European nations claimed colonies and expanded their overseas empires.

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NATIONALISM

~Having extreme pride and devotion to your country.

~Prior to WWI, European nations felt an extreme sense of nationalism resulting in a sense of superiority over other nations.