

## CAUSES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

- 1) Describe the historical factors that pushed the world to the brink of war in 1914.

### Imperialism and the Age of Empires (Pg. 26)

- 2) Define . . . imperialism.
- 3) Describe how imperialism worked in the real world.
- 4) Explain why the great powers were competing for control of Africa.
- 5) Describe how imperialism led to a conflict between Germany and established imperial powers, like Great Britain and France.

### Increasing Militarism (Pg. 26 – 27)

- 6) Define . . . militarism.
- 7) Explain why the great powers were expanding their armed forces in the years leading up to the First World War.
- 8) Critical Thinking
  - a) Explain how militarism could make war more likely.
  - b) Explain how militarism could make war less likely.
- 9) Describe the arms race between Germany and Great Britain.
- 10) Describe the arms race between Germany and France.

### The Role of the Balkans (Pg. 27)

- 11) Describe the policies of Russia, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire in the Balkans.
  - a) Russia
  - b) Austria-Hungary
  - c) Ottoman Empire

**The False Security of Alliances (Pg. 28)**

- 12) Explain why the great powers were creating alliances before the First World War.
- 13) Describe the membership of the Triple Alliance in 1914.
- 14) Describe the membership of the Triple Entente in 1914.
- 15) Explain why the system of alliances made a major war more likely.

**The Threat of Nationalism (Pg. 29)**

- 16) Define . . . nationalism.
- 17) Describe the aggressive and defensive nationalism created by the imperialism of the great powers.
- 18) Explain how these two types of nationalism were clashing in the Balkans. Be specific!

**A Chain Reaction (Pg. 29 – 30)**

- 19) The fundamental causes of the First World War are the system of secret alliances, militarism, nationalism, imperialism, and the newspaper press.

The immediate cause of the First World War was the crisis resulting from the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

Place these events in the right order.

- *Germany declares war on France*
- *Germany gives Austria-Hungary blank cheque support*
- *Germany invades Belgium*
- *Austria-Hungary gives an ultimatum to Serbia*
- *Russia begins mobilization to support Serbia*
- *Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia*
- *Gavrilo Princip shoots the Archduke and Archduchess*
- *Serbia rejects the ultimatum*
- *The Archduke and Archduchess visit Sarajevo*
- *Britain declares war on Germany*
- *Germany declares war on Russia*
- *Austria-Hungary blames Serbia for the death of the Archduke and Archduchess*
- *Germany orders France and Russia to stop mobilizing*