

Causes of the First World War

Background

We are still working on a background understanding of 1919, but we are now covering actual learning outcomes for History 12.

The causes of the First World War were very complicated, and consequently they remain one the most studied aspects of modern History.

Your reader is very sparse on this material. The good news is that you should be well prepared from your work in Social Studies 10.

Hopefully you remember, that the immediate cause of the First World War was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and the resulting diplomatic crisis that followed.

You may also remember that there were several fundamental causes of the First World War. The most important were the rise of nationalism, imperialism, militarism, alliances, and the patriotic newspaper press.

This reading should mostly be review with a few new points to keep things interesting.

Assignment

Your mission is to gather information about the fundamental causes of the First World War

At the end of this task, you should be an expert on the following . . .

- A) Role of Nationalism (Pg. 3 – 4)
- B) Role of Imperialism (Pg. 4 – 5)

