

RESEARCH MIND MAP – FUNDAMENTAL CAUSES OF WORLD WAR I

A mind map is an analytical and visual tool, consisting of main themes branching from a central concept. It is a way of sketching ideas to provide a visual picture.

Mind maps are useful because they enhance the brain's capacity to store and recall information.

Mind maps help to highlight important points, show the connections between ideas, and provide memory cues for key information.

Okay, enough . . . onward to the important stuff . . .

As you now know, the immediate cause of the First World War was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and the diplomatic crisis that followed.

However, the assassination alone was not enough to cause an international crisis.

The fundamental causes such as militarism, alliances, imperialism, nationalism, and the rise of the patriotic newspaper press pushed the diplomatic crisis towards becoming a full-scale war.

This argument was first advanced by Sidney Bradshaw Fay in *The Origins of the First World War*.

Although this work was done in 1929, it was the first to set out these fundamental causes. Until this point, historians were primarily interested in assigning blame. Their focus was very much rooted in the immediate cause of the First World War.

Fay changed the focus, and consequently *The Origins of the First World War* remains a classic study in international relations.

Today, we are going to start by reviewing the key points from last class, and then we are going to conduct some research. Your goal is to become an expert on the fundamental causes of the First World War.

Assignment

Your task is to create a mind map for the fundamental causes of the First World War. Your mind map should include all the following:

1. A central concept "Fundamental Causes of the First World War."
2. Four fundamental causes branching from the central concept.
 - Militarism
 - Alliances
 - Imperialism
 - Nationalism
3. Point form notes that help you understand each of the four fundamental causes.
4. As always, be prepared to DISCUSS!