Causes of WWI

**M – Militarism**

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* Nationalism
* Imperialism
* The Alliance System
* Militarism
* The Assassination of Archduke

**Nationalism**

* Nationalism means being a strong supporter of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of one’s own country.
	+ This can be good and bad.

**Italy and Germany**

* During the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the meeting to put Europe back together after Napoleon was put into exile), the countries of Britain, Austria, Prussia and Russia created a new Europe that left

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ divided and basically getting the raw end of the deal.

* + Strong nationalist movements led to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Italy (1861) and Germany (1871)

**France**

* France lost land to Germany at the end of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which left nationalist groups in France dead-set on getting that land back.

**Austria Hungary &\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* There were opposing nationalist groups within these countries and each one wanted their own land and government.

**Imperialism**

* Imperialism is when a country \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or countries and then subjects the people to its rule.
	+ **The rise of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meant that countries needed new markets to get resources from and sell their goods.**
* Britain, France, and Germany had **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with each other over who ruled the lands in Africa. They quickly tried to claim the land for themselves (this is known as the Scramble for Africa)

**Alliances**

* An alliance is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_between two or more countries to give each other help (financially, militarily, and through goods and services) when they need it.
	+ When an alliance is signed, those countries become known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* There were many alliances made between the years 1879 and 1914
	+ **These alliances were important to causing WWI because they meant that many countries had no choice but to declare war if one of their allies did first.**



**Militarism**

* Militarism is when a country or government places high importance on military forces.
* Building many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Enlisting many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Tensions that were growing in Europe led to an** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_ (building more weapons than the enemy)**
* French and German armies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between 1870 and 1914
* Britain and Germany were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**with each other** for who controlled the seas (invention of battleships)
* Countries began laying out war plans and maps of where to attack.

**Assassination**

* **The** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of WWI was the assassination of Austrian archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife on June 28th, 1914.**
	+ Ferdinand was the heir to the Austria-Hungarian throne.
	+ **He and his wife were murdered in Sarajevo, Bosnia by a Serbian Nationalist, Gavrilo Princip, who worked for an organization known**

**as the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

* Immediately following the assassination \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Austria-Hungary and pressured them to declare war on Serbia.
	+ France strengthened its backing of Russia.
	+ Austria-Hungary was convinced that the Serbian government was behind

the assassination and **issued Serbia an** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Serbia agreed *almost* entirely.

**The Domino Effect**

* Austria-Hungary still wasn’t satisfied, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Serbia on July 28, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Russia, in support of their Ally Serbia, declares war on Austria-Hungary
	+ Germany declares war on Russia, and two days later on France.
	+ Germany’s invasion of Belgium (who declared it was neutral) to attack

France, leads \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* + Thus, WWI had begun.