

Causes of World War I Worksheet Answer Key

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Long Term Causes		Short Term Causes	
Nationalism	Militarism	Alliances	Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand
<p>Late 1800s–early 1900s: European ethnic groups devoted to the interests of their own nations, e.g., Germany, Italy.</p> <p>Competition for colonies among European countries.</p> <p>Ethnic minorities desired independence, e.g., Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Croats, and Serbs.</p>	<p>In order to protect colonies, European nations increased their military strength, e.g.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britain and Germany built a large navy. • Germany and Russia increased the size of their armies. 	<p>As nations increased their military, they formed alliances to protect themselves, e.g.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triple Alliance — Austro-Hungarian Empire, Germany, Italy • Triple Entente — France, Great Britain, and Russia. 	<p>Archduke assassinated by a Serbian terrorist group, the Black Hand, on June 28, 1914.</p> <p>Serbs thought that they might come under control of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.</p> <p>Austro-Hungarian Empire sent demands to Serbian government. Serbia rejected demands. With the help of Germany, Austro-Hungarian Empire declared war on Serbia; Germany declared war on Russia (ally of Serbia), and Great Britain declared war on Germany.</p>