

Social Studies
The MAIN Causes of World War I

Directions: Please complete the following questions that go with the 4 big causes of World War I. Write down 2 strong sentences to respond to each question.

1. Write a definition **in your own words** of the following causes of World War I.

a. Imperialism

b. Nationalism

c. Militarism

d. Alliances

2. Imperialism- In what ways would imperialism cause a world war?

3. Your textbook says the following when talking about nationalism- "Strong feelings of pride, loyalty, and protectiveness toward their own countries." Those all sound like good qualities. Why would this be a cause of war?

4. If a country has a strong military, does that mean it is practicing militarism? Why or why not?

5. How would alliances between countries lead to World War I?

6. Can alliances that people have with friends cause problems today? Why or why not?

7. If alliances between countries helped cause World War I, does that mean that the U.S. should not have ally countries today? Why or why not? If they should have allies, which countries should those be?

8. Respond to this statement in **1 paragraph on the back of your paper**) In your opinion, which of the 4 causes above would be the greatest cause for World War I? Explain using good detail and justifications.