

Student Handout: Unit 1 Lesson 1



Causes of World War One

Suggested time: 75 Minutes

What's important in this lesson:

The causes of World War One had been building up for many years. In June of 1914, the assassination of Franz Ferdinand unleashed international conflict, and an arms build up, which had been taking place for decades.

Complete these steps:

1. Read "Causes of World War One", Handout 1.
2. Use the notes on "Causes of World War One", Handout 1, to summarize causes on "Causes of World War One Chart", Handout 2.
3. Use your textbook, Scrapbook and/or the internet to research answers to the questions on "World War I: The War Begins", Handout 3.
4. When you understand the causes of World War One, complete "World War I Quiz".

Hand-in the following to your teacher:

1. "Causes of World War I Chart", Handout 2 chart
2. Answers to questions on "World War I: The War Begins", Handout 3
3. Answers to "World War I Quiz"

Questions for the teacher:

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1. Nationalism:
 - Having an extreme pride in your country
 - Prior to WWI many countries felt an extreme sense of nationalism
 - This nationalism resulted in a dislike for other countries

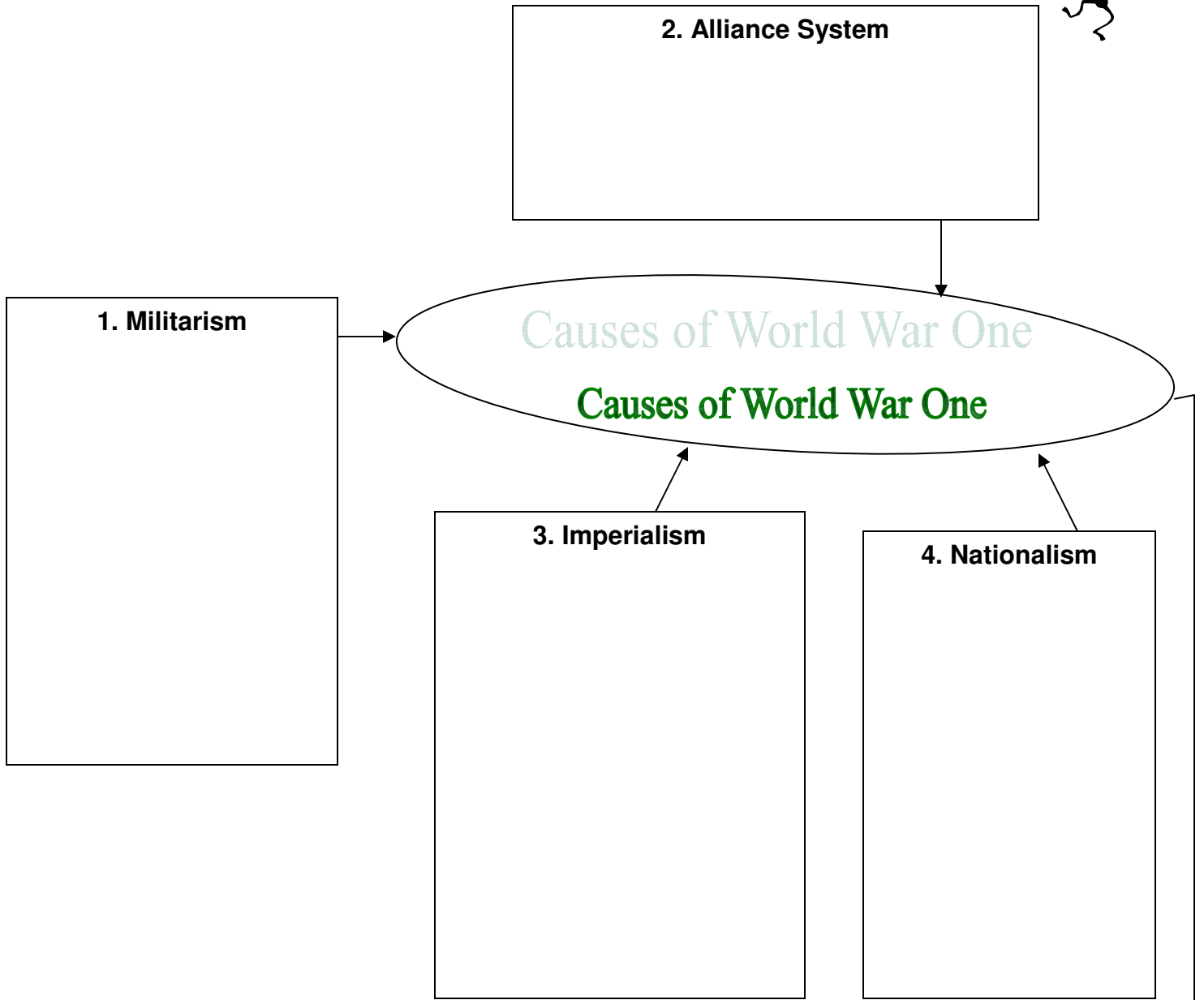
2. Imperialism:
 - Empire building – take over other countries for your own
 - Prior to WWI many countries wanted to expand their empire which resulted in hostilities

3. Militarism:
 - Building up arms and armies
 - Prior to WWI many countries believed in having a strong military
 - As a result these countries began to build up their arms in a battle to ‘out do’ one another

4. Alliance System:
 - Developing alliances or friendships with other countries
 - Prior to WWI many countries did not trust one another so they looked for ‘friends’ that they could trust
 - The two main alliances were:
 - A) **Triple Alliance** – Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary
 - B) **Triple Entente** – Britain (and its colonies, e.g., Canada, Australia), France, Russia, Serbia

5. Assassination of Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand (Austrian-Hungarian)
 - June 28, 1914 – in Sarajevo (A-H) the Archduke was assassinated by Serbian Nationalists because they disliked A-H control of that largely Serbian area
 - This was the spark that began the war
 - Austria-Hungary blamed Serbia for the assassination and presented them with an ultimatum which would result in an attack if Serbia did not comply
 - Russia came to Serbia’s aid – alliance system
 - Germany came to Austria-Hungary’s aid – alliance system
 - France sides with Russia – alliance system
 - Britain remain temporarily neutral

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The Spark and The final out break of War – August 1914

Austrian Hungarian Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated by a Serbian terrorist on June 28, 1914 in city of Sarajevo. Serbians refused an ultimatum. Serbia asked help from its friend Russia. Russia allied with Britain and France. By August, war broke out between the two alliances.

Read the note “Causes of the First World War One”, handout 1, and fill in this worksheet using point form notes.



Evaluation: Unit 1 Lesson 1

World War I Quiz

INSTRUCTOR:

NAME:

TOTAL: /10

No. of pages: 1

Matching Items (10 marks)

Please read the following items carefully, and match column B to the items in column A by placing letters in the appropriate blanks:

Column A:

___ 1. Assassinated

___ 2. France

___ 3. Black Hand

___ 4. Largest Navy

___ 5. Nationalism

___ 6. Assassin

___ 7. Arms Race

___ 8. Sarajevo.

___ 9. Germany

___ 10. Russia

Column B:

a. Serbia's friend.

b. Gravello Princip

c. Great Pride in your country

d. Build up of new modern weapons.

e. Britain.

f. Terrorist Group.

g. City where assassination took place.

h. Triple Entente

i. Franz Ferdinand.

j. Triple Alliance.