WebQuest: Causes of World War I

This WebQuest is designed to help you to understand the causes of "The Great War" otherwise known as World War I.

1. Below you will see a list of what has been identified as the major causes of World War I. Using the information on the following website: http://www.historyonthenet.com/WW1/causes.htm briefly describe how each of the following contributed to the ignition of the flame of war.
   a. **Nationalism**

   b. **Imperialism**

      i. **Briefly explain the Moroccan Crisis.**

      ii. **Briefly explain the Bosnian Crisis.**

   c. **Militarism**

   d. **Alliances**

European Alliances

1879 - The Dual Alliance

Who was involved?

For what purpose?

1881 - Austro-Serbian Alliance

Who was involved?

For what purpose?

1882 - The Triple Alliance

Who was involved?

For what purpose?

1894 - Franco-Russian Alliance

Who was involved?

For what purpose?

1904 - Entente Cordiale

Who was involved?

For what purpose?

1907 - The Anglo-Russian Entente
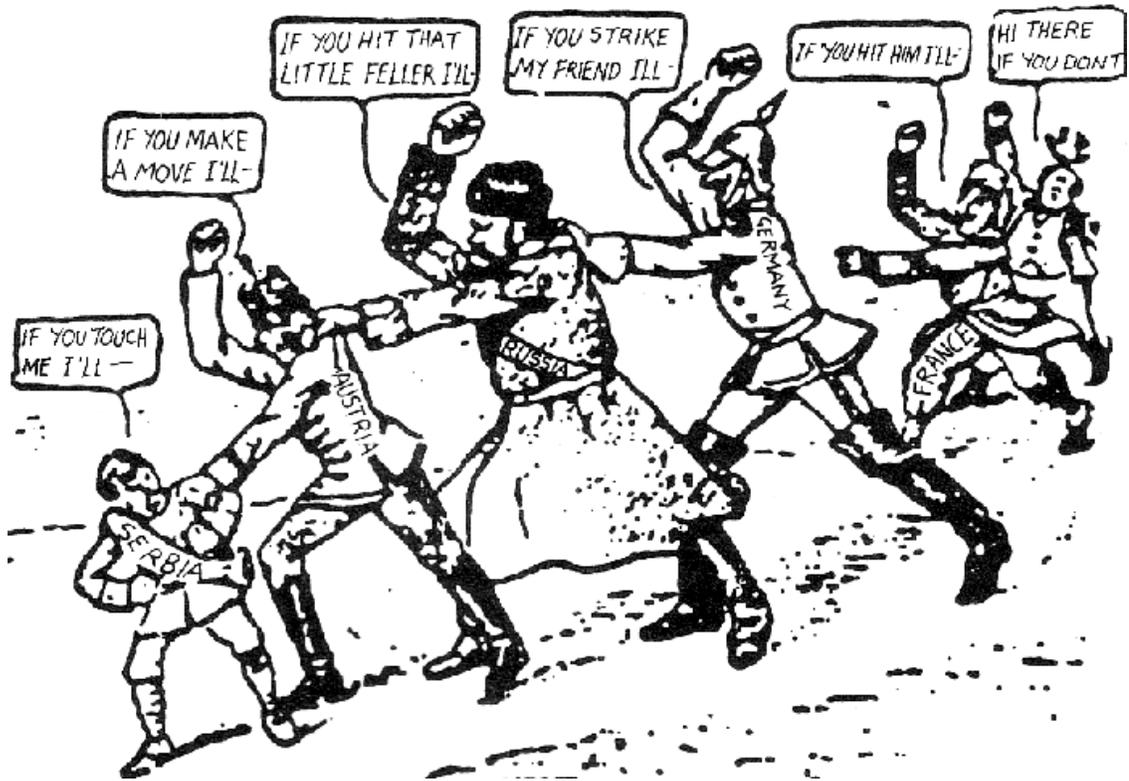
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2. Using the following website: http://www.pbs.org/greatwar/chapters/ch1_explosion.html Briefly explain what happened in Sarajevo and explain how the Assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand instigated the collapse of peace in Europe?

3. **Most of the European leaders believed that the war would end as quickly as it had started, which was FAR from correct. Click on the following link:** http://www.pbs.org/greatwar/maps/maps_outbreak.html To watch an animation detailing the "Outbreak of War" in 1914.

4. *Germany "would have Paris for lunch, St. Petersburg for dinner." ~Kaiser Wilhelm II* How did the Schlieffen Plan support Kaiser Wilhelm's goals in the quote above?

5. By 1915, the war had become a global war. Click on the link below and read about how the war had become global. http://www.pbs.org/greatwar/chapters/ch2_war.html Name 3 ways that the war had become a global war – as opposed to simply a ground war fought in Europe.

6. Cartoon Analysis

a. The conflict in Europe seemed to be between what two nations?

b. Why did the other nations become involved? Was this a good or a bad thing? Explain

7. The United States enters the war in 1917. Using the following link:
http://www.academicamerican.com/progressive/worldwar1/americaandww1.html Briefly explain the reasons why the USA entered the war, despite their stance of neutrality.

a. Unrestricted Submarine Warfare:

b. The Sinking of the Lusitania:

c. Breaking of the Sussex Pledge:

d. The Zimmerman Telegram:

8. Consult the map of Europe before and after World War I located www.thesullivansource.info . What major changes do you see? Explain.