

Complete the graphic organizer. Next, read thru the following documents and decide which “cause” it relates to and list it next to the appropriate document. For example, Document D is a map that shows the alliance system which would explain why the war was so large and why it became a world war. So, you put write Document D somewhere near the Alliance System box and give your reason. After going through the documents, write a paragraph choosing which cause you feel is the main cause of the war and use the appropriate documents as evidence.

Source A

We have conquered for ourselves a place in the sun. It will now be my task to see to it that this place in the sun shall remain our undisputed possession, in order that the sun's rays may fall fruitfully upon our activity and trade in foreign parts... The more Germans go out upon the waters, whether it be in journeys across the ocean, or in the service of the battle flag, so much the better it will be for us.

A speech by Kaiser Wilhelm to the North German Regatta Association, 1901.

Source B

The German answer to all our talk about the limitation of armaments is: Germany shall increase to the utmost of her power...

I have lived among Germans, but with the best will in the world I can see no solution to the present collision of ideals but war.

A lecture given in 1913 by JA Cramb

JA Cramb was an Englishman who went to university in Germany, and who loved Germany.

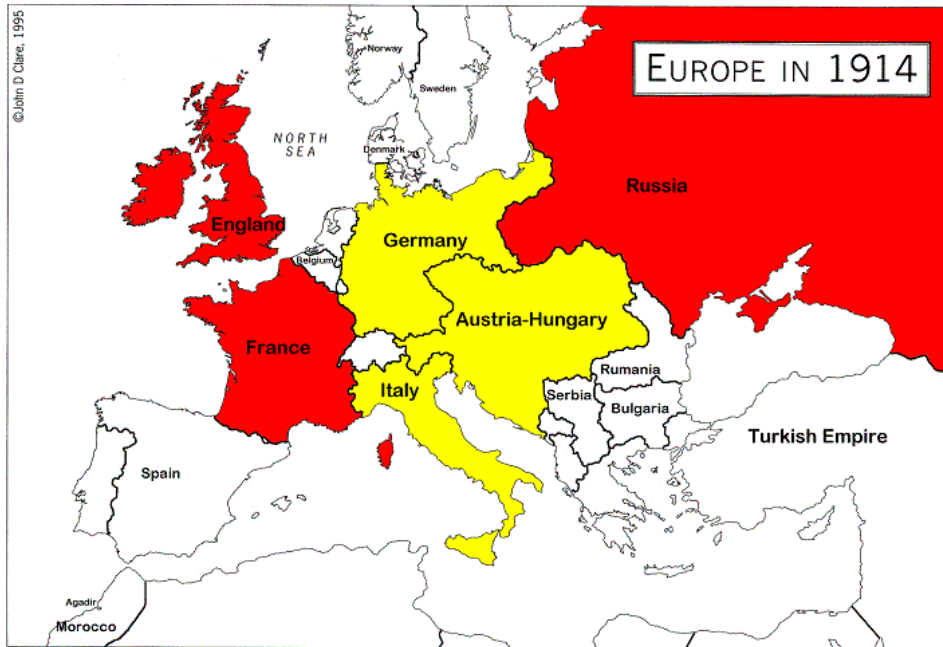
Source C

The Naval 'War Cabinet' of 1912

General von Moltke [head of the army] said: I believe war is unavoidable; war the sooner the better. But we ought to do more to press to prepare the popularity of a war against Russia. The Kaiser supported this. Tirpitz [head of the navy] said that the navy would prefer to see the postponement of the great fight for one and a half years.

From the Diary of Admiral Muller, 8 December 1912

Source D



Source E

Land of Hope and Glory,
mother of the free...

God who made thee mighty,
make thee mightier yet.

The words of *Land of Hope and Glory*, written by the English composer Elgar and sung by British people at the Prom concerts every year.

Germany, Germany above all,
over everything in the world,
When it steadfastly holds together,
offensively and defensively.

The words of the German national anthem, Deutschland uber Alles.

Source F



This British postcard shows what would happen if the Kaiser took the 'place in the sun' that he wanted.

Source G

A peaceable, industrious, sensible mass of 500 million [European people], was hounded by a few dozen incapable leaders, by falsified documents, lying stories of threats, and chauvinistic catchwords, into a war which in no way was destined or inevitable.

Emil Ludwig, July 1914 (1929)