

Draw a chain reaction with at least 3 links.

What could cause ONE conflict between two countries to spread to several countries?

INVESTIGATE

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The World Goes To War!

As a Young Historian I will be able to....

- Identify the MAIN causes of WWI.
- Explain how alliances expanded the war.
- Describe the assassination that sparked WWI.
- Explain why the U.S. moved toward war.

How did WWI Start?

The Causes of World War I

Analyze Maps Based on the map, what can you predict about where the major battles of World War I would be fought?

Europe Before the

War

By the early twentieth century,
European powers competed for:

- Military strength
- Territory
- Economic influence
- National prestige

Four major forces increased
tensions...

Global Terms

Militarism — Glorification of military power & expansion of armed forces.

Alliances — Agreements intended to provide security increasingly divided Europe into rival blocs.

Imperialism — Competition for colonies, resources, and global influence.

Nationalism — Deep devotion to one's nation, often accompanied by competition with rival nations.

A Divided Europe

Triple Alliance

- Germany
- Austria-Hungary
- Italy

Triple Entente

- Great Britain
- France
- Russia

European alliances were intended to deter

aggression, but they also created a system in which a conflict between two nations could rapidly involve several others.

*****Causes of WWI**

Europe was in a powder keg of deep-rooted political problems

France had suffered a defeat to Germany in a past conflict & hoped to regain territory

The idea of social Darwinism was prevalent in the region & countries tried to show power

The Causes of World War I

With the rise of German manufacturers like Krupp Cannon, Germany was able to gain an advantage in the production of heavy arms prior to World War I.

The Great War Begins

Analyze Charts Why was one alliance called 'The Central Powers'?

(Consulting a map may help you answer.)

*****Causes of WWI**

On June 28th, 1914 Arch Duke Francis Ferdinand ` (Austria-Hungary) went to visit Bosnia

His car took a wrong turn & a Bosnian radical from the Black Hand killed him

Austria demanded an investigation & Serbia refused,
Austria declares WAR

This began the domino effect of the rest of Europe entering the war

IMOW: What Do You Think SHOULD Have

Happened?

The Causes of World War I

Analyze Charts Which nation had the largest navy at the beginning of World War I?

Which had the most troops?

The Great War Begins

Analyze Maps What challenge did Germany's location present to its pursuit of victory in the war?

Reasons for U.S. Entry into the War

German U-boats destroyed more than 11 million tons of Allied shipping and killed nearly 14,000 people.

Analyze Maps Why were U-boat attacks clustered in particular areas?

American Neutrality

President Wilson declared American neutrality

Many Americans wanted to stay out of the European conflict

Americans had cultural & economic connections to both sides

American public opinion gradually began to change...

PROJECT PART 1:

You Decide: War or Peace?

Moving Toward War

Lusitania

- German U-boat sinks the British passenger ship.
- Americans are killed.
- American opinion begins shifting against Germany.

Unrestricted Submarine Warfare

- Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare.
- German U-boats threatened American shipping.

The Zimmerman Note

Germany proposed an alliance with Mexico & promised to help Mexico regain:

- Texas
- New Mexico
- Arizona

The U.S. Enters WWI on April 6th 1917

IMOW: Did The United States Make The Right

Decision?

BIG BRAIN BOX!

1. Choose TWO of the MAIN causes. How did they work together to make WWI more likely?
2. Using your notes, explain TWO steps that turned the assassination into a European war.
3. What was ONE reason the U.S. remained neutral and ONE event that pushed it toward war?
4. Which event from your notes BEST explains why the U.S. eventually entered WWI? Defend your choice with evidence.

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