**The Causes of WWI**

**M** ilitarism

**A** lliances

**I** mperialism

**N** ationalism

**1) Militarism**

-Building up armies and weapons.

-Countries try to out do each other.

-Fierce competition between Britain and Germany for largest and most powerful navy.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBjOnvmqbzY>

-What is a dreadnought?

-Who were building them?

-Militarism

-Germany was competing with Russia and France to expand their armies

**2) Alliances**

-Distrust led to great powers signing treaties that promised they would defend one another.

-Wanted to create powerful combinations so no one would attack.

-Triple Alliance and Triple Entente

**Two sides**

Allies

-United Kingdom (England)

-Serbia

-Russia

-France

-Later the United States will join this side.

Central Powers

-Germany

-Austria-Hungary

-Italy

**3) Imperialism**

-How would Imperialism lead to war?

-Intense competition over colonies as European powers created their empire.

-The fiercest competition was between Britain and Germany and between France and Germany.

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**The Crisis**

-June 28, 1914

-Francis Ferdinand the Archduke of Austria-Hungary visits Sarajevo.

-Sarajevo is the capital of Bosnia which is under Austria-Hungarian rule.

-Black Hand: Serbian nationalists that hate Austrian rule.

-Gavrilo Princip shoots the Archduke and his wife Sophie.

-Explain the crisis to your partner.

**The Road to War**

- Austria-Hungary blames Serbia

- Russia defends her ally Serbia

- Germany defends her ally Austria

- Germany follows the Schlieffen Plan and declares war on France

-Germany follows the Schlieffen Plan and invades Belgium

- Britain upholds the Treaty of London, to defend Belgium and declares war on Germany

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lCbNE3ToePA>

**Read the statement and write which of the main causes you think best fits.**

1) Many countries did not trust each other so they looked for ‘friends’ they could trust.

2) Germany drafted every young man and created a large army.

3) Europeans were very patriotic and loved their countries.

4) Britain and Germany tried to out do each others navies.

5) The European powers were in fierce competition for colonies.

6) Allies vs. Central Powers

7) France was upset about losing the Franco-Prussian War and wanted revenge.

8) Germany, France, and Russia greatly increased the size of their army.

**Quiz**

-You will have a quiz on the main causes of WWI on Monday Mar. 1.