

Causes of World War I

DOCUMENT ACTIVITY WORKSHEET

Directions for students:

This is an activity to determine the causes of World War I. Please base your responses ONLY on the documents you are given.

- In your groups, read through each of the documents. Determine which of the MAIN causes of World War I is being described in each document. For each document, use one SPECIFIC piece of evidence to defend your opinion.

Your Name: _____ Group # _____

The MAIN cause of World War I was: _____

- Label and summarize each of your documents below (if more space is needed, use an additional sheet of paper) :

- Based on the documents, answer the following questions with a thesis statement:

What was the main cause of World War I?

- What other documentation you would need to support your argument?
Pick 2 and explain how they would support your thesis.
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Group 1 Documents:

- 1) Princip testimony (Doc A)
- 2) Hauppaul interview (Doc E)
- 3) Crackanthorpe to Grey on effect of Assassination of Ferdinand in Serbia (Doc M)
- 4) Grey to Sir H. Rumbold on effect of Assassination of Ferdinand in Berlin (Doc N)
- 5) Austro-Hungarian Red Book No. 7 (Doc 3)
- 6) Declaration of War from Austria (Doc H)
- 7) Fay from *Origins of the World War* (Doc 6)
- 8) Article 231 from the Versailles Treaty (Doc 2)

Group 2 Documents:

- 1) Massie on Nicholas and Alexandria (Doc F)
- 2) The Dual Alliance between Austria-Hungary and Germany, 7 October 1879 (Doc G)
- 3) Map of Alliance Systems (Doc 2)
- 4) Franco-Russian Military Alliance (Doc L)
- 5) Article 231 from the Versailles Treaty (Doc 4)
- 6) Aron: The Century of Total War (Doc 7)
- 7) Fay from *Origins of the World War* (Doc 6)

Group 3 Documents:

- 1) Rosinski article (Doc B)
- 2) Fussell interview (Doc D)
- 3) Massie interview (Doc C)
- 4) The French Yellow Book, Document No. 1 (Doc I, K)
- 5) Timeframe on German naval buildup (Doc J)
- 6) Aron: The Century of Total War (Doc 7)
- 7) Graph on money spent on armaments (Doc 1)
- 8) Fay from *Origins of the World War* (Doc 6)
- 9) Article 231 from the Versailles Treaty (Doc 2)

Group 4 Documents:

- 1) W.E.B. Du Bois (Doc O)
- 2) Poon summary (Doc P)
- 3) Morocco Crisis (Doc Q)
- 4) Joseph to Wilhelm - annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina (Doc R)
- 5) Landing of Wilhelm in Tangier (Doc S)
- 6) Brockdorff-Rantzau - protest to Versailles (Doc 5)
- 7) Area of Colonization for British, French, Belgian, and Germans (Doc T)
- 8) Germany Awake advertisement (Doc U)
- 9) Fay from *Origins of the World War* (Doc 6)
- 10) Article 231 from the Versailles Treaty (Doc 2)

Group 5 Documents:

- 1) Aron: The Century of Total War (Doc 7)
- 2) Brockdorff-Rantzau - protest to Versailles (Doc 5)
- 3) Austro-Hungarian Red Book No. 7 (Doc 3)
- 4) Graph on money spent on armaments (Doc 1)
- 5) Map of Alliance Systems (Doc 2)
- 6) Article 231 from Versailles Treaty (Doc 4)
- 7) Franco-Russian Military Alliance (Doc L)
- 8) The French Yellow Book, Document No. 1 (Doc K)
- 9) Fay from *Origins of the World War* (Doc 6)