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WHAT WERE THE M.A.I.N. CAUSES OF WORLD WAR I?

I. Imperialism & Rivalries

- The Industrial Revolution led to hostile _____ as imperialists fought over the same _____
 - In 1898, England & France argued over rights to the Sudan in _____ (the Fashoda Incident)
 - In 1899, Germany, England, & Russia argued over rights to build a _____
 - In 1905, 1908, & 1911, Germany & France almost _____ over Morocco

II. Militarism

- Europeans believed their national _____ was determined by their _____ strength (militarism):
 - The Industrial Revolution led to large, advanced _____ & _____ with new industrial weapons
 - Because European countries tried to keep up with each other, an _____ began; This made it difficult to settle _____ problems by _____ things out

III. Nationalism

- Nationalism created feelings of great _____ & _____ the citizens of a country & led some countries to want _____ for previous wars
- Nationalism also _____ people; The most tense place in Europe by 1914 was the _____ as Serbia, Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, & Romania all broke from the Ottoman Empire to make new _____:
 - The _____ peoples wanted to _____ & form a Slavic nation (Yugoslavia) but Austria-Hungary did not want this to happen
 - The Balkans became a “powder keg” waiting for a spark to _____

IV. Alliances

- No nation wanted to fight in a war by itself so nations formed _____:
 - _____, Austria-Hungary, & Italy up made the _____
 - England, France, & _____ made up the _____
- These alliances did not make Europe more secure, they made it more tense



V. The Causes of WWI

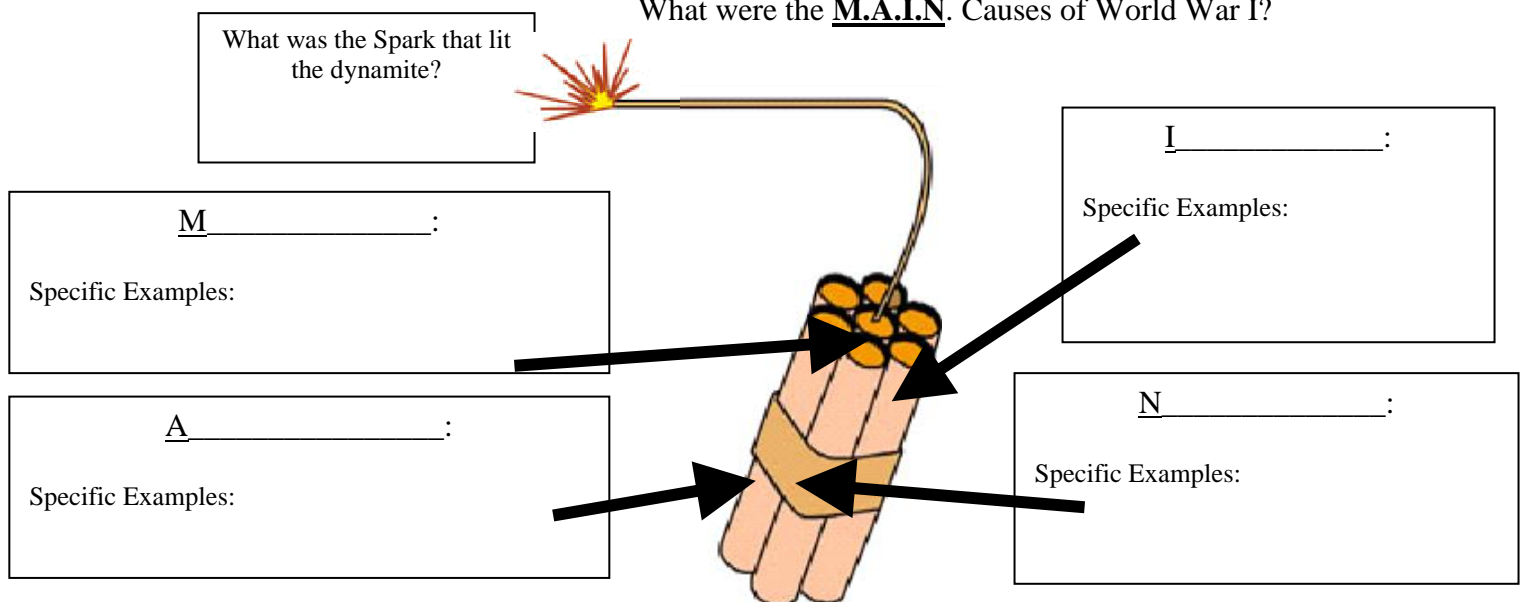
- By _____, Europe was in a bad position:
 - Powerful European nations had large _____
 - _____ supported the idea that war can be _____ & can bring glory to nation & its people (_____)
 - Nations were tied together by alliances, so if one country went to war, the others _____
- On _____, the Austro-Hungarian Archduke Franz Ferdinand was _____
- On July 23, Austria-Hungary issued an _____ to Serbia:
 - Either allow _____ officials to investigate the assassination ...OR...
 - _____

On July 28, 1914 Serbia _____ the ultimatum & Austria-Hungary declared _____ on Serbia

• The Roots of War Video (5.35 minutes)

1. What were 3 new innovations of the Industrial Age that made WWI the first “modern” war?
2. Nationalism was an important force prior to WWI because people began to believe that the “interests of their homeland should be put ahead of _____”
3. France and Germany clashed over control of _____
4. “For a little while, these military alliances served as a type of checks & balance system with each nation reluctant to upset the _____”
5. The assassin, Gavrilo Princip, was a member of a secret society called the _____, whose goal was to reunite all Serbs under one rule.

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On the map to the right:

Color code the members of the Triple Alliance

Color code the members of the Triple Entente

Draw a star in the area where the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand took place that began WWI

Map Key

- Triple Alliance
- Triple Entente
- Assassination of Ferdinand

