

There were many reasons that World War One happened, including militarism, alliances, imperialism and nationalism. These factors were thought to be the cause of the Great War in 1914-1918. All of these cause made a small war into a huge one that impacted almost the whole globe. Another reason that may have triggered the war was the the assassination of the Arch Duke of Austria-Hungary. The assassination was an act of terrorism that caused a great amount of conflict.

Militarism was a huge factor as to why World War One happend because all of the countries wanted to have the biggest, most powerful army which caused rivalry between countries. The late 19th century was the peak era of militarism. Britain had the most powerful army in the world at the time around 1914. Germany's leader, Keiser, did not like that idea and wanted to expand Germany's army and build a bigger one with all the countries wanting to have the best army, it caused competition and rivalry between them, ultimately creating enemies. The armies that were stronger, like Britain's, became threats to other countries, like Germany.

Alliances were a significant cause of World War One because small conflicts could easily become a global one, and countries at war would drag other countries into it. Many alliances were formed in Europe between 1870 and 1914. The tripple alliance which consisted of Germany, Austria-Hungary and

Italy, was formed in 1872. If one of those countries went to war, the others would also be pulled into it which was why alliances made it easy for big wars to happen. The other alliance consisted of Britain, France and Russia, which was formed later in 1907. All of the countries in those alliances had ~~an~~ extremely big ~~army~~ armies that were strong, which meant all of those countries would have made a huge impact to World War One. An example of when alliances caused conflict was during World War One, Germany invaded Belgium to get to France, but Britain had an alliance with Belgium ~~to~~ and France, so they declared war ~~on~~ with Germany.

Imperialism contributed to the cause of World War One because empires and nations had to be powerful to overthrow countries and keep the land which made them more of a threat to countries. All the countries and empires wanted to ~~conquer~~ conquer and own more land which then led to conflict because the countries were jealous when other countries had more land than them, because back then, land was equivalent to wealth and power. Around the time of The Great War, Germany and other countries were invading Africa to gain more power.

Nationalism also had a major impact to the cause of World War One because all of the countries wanted to be the best and most superior. People showed a significant amount of pride

towards their countries. In the early 1900s, the Balkans were very proud of their country and wanted it to be the most successful. Nationalism happened because of the countries and nation's greed and because they were not negotiating with other countries. A significant amount of the cause of war all ~~that~~ linked back to countries wanting to be better than each other which led to conflict and rivalry.

Militarism, alliances, imperialism and nationalism all played significant parts in the causes of World War One. Militarism contributed to the cause of the war because ~~every~~ all the countries wanted to be the best and strong armies were ~~the~~ seen as threats. Alliances had a major impact to the cause of war because alliances dragged all ~~the~~ the other countries into war, making it go from a small war to a big one. Imperialism caused war because all the countries wanted to conquer and own the most land, and countries were jealous if another country had more land than them. Nationalism contributed to the cause of World War One because all the countries wanted to be better than each other which led to competition and rivalry. All of these factors were the main reasons that World War One broke out.

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