

World History
Measurement Topic 2: Industrial Expansion & Imperialism

Learning target #1: What caused WW1?

Directions: The following questions are based on the accompanying documents/graphs/maps/quotes. As you read and analyze (think about) each document/graph/map/quote be sure to:

- 1st - Independently read the chart, passage, and/or map
- 2nd - Circle words you don't know. Predict or find the meaning of the words.
- 3rd - Read the chart, passage and/or map a second time with a partner, highlight information and write side notes.
- 4th - Answer the questions in complete sentences.

Document 1

This chart provides information on the increasing amounts of money spent on armaments (arms/guns) from 1870 through 1914.

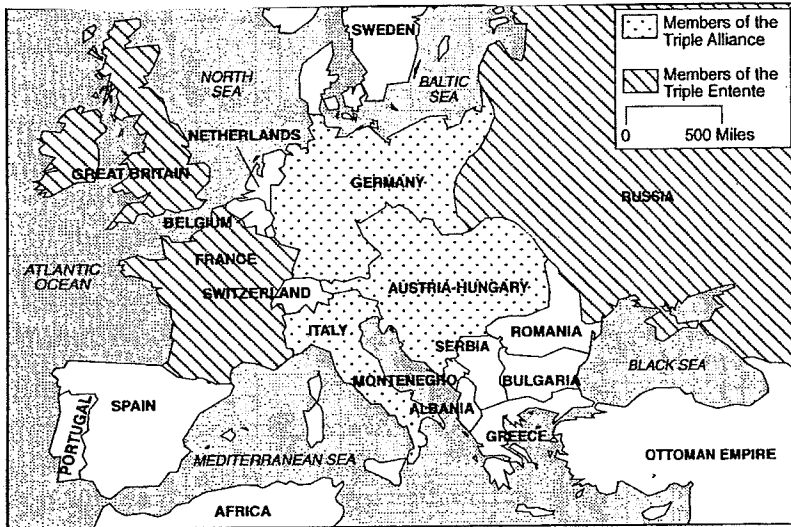
Expenditures of the Great European Powers on Armaments				
	1870	1890	1910	1914
Great Britain	\$3.54	\$3.84	\$7.29	\$8.23
France	2.92	4.66	6.47	7.07
Russia	1.28	1.26	2.32	3.44
Germany	1.28	2.80	4.06	8.19
Austria-Hungary	1.08	1.50	1.68	3.10
Italy	1.38	2.52	3.36	3.16

1. According to the chart which three nations/countries increased the amount of money spent on weapons/arms?

2. How did this increase in spending intensify the chance of war?

Document 2

This map of Europe on the eve of World War I shows the alliance system.



3. According to the map, who were the members of each alliance system?

4. How did this system of alliances contribute to the outbreak of World War I?

Document 3

In his book, *Origins of the World War*, Sidney Bradshaw Fay stated his position on the causes of World War I.

Nevertheless, a European war broke out. Why? Because in each country (of Europe) political and military leaders did certain things which lead to the mobilization of their armies for war and finally the declarations of war, or these leaders failed to do certain things which might have prevented the war. In this sense, all the European countries in greater or lesser degree were responsible for the outbreak of World War I.

Origins of the World War by Sidney Bradshaw Fay

5. According to Fay, who was responsible for the outbreak of World War I?

6. What evidence does Fay use to support his claim?

Document 4

The Crime of the Ages—Who Did It?



7. What are the European countries doing in cartoon A?

8. What are the European countries doing in cartoon B?

9. According to cartoon A, who is to blame for the war? _____
10. According to cartoon B, who is to blame for the war? _____
11. In cartoon A, the title is the crime of the century. According to cartoon A, what is the crime of the century and what is your proof? _____

