

WWI Causes & Steps to War

Name _____

1. A rivalry between these two countries in the Balkans (Serbia & Bosnia) triggered the war. (circle two)

GER AUS/HUN FRA GBR RUS

2. Serbia was allied with the following country. (circle one)

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3. The following country was the single most powerful European state before the war. (circle one)

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4. Colonies became increasingly important to the major powers for the following reasons. (circle any one that applies)

- a. prestige for the empire.
- b. a source of raw material.
- c. to control territory for strategic & military reasons.
- d. a market for goods and investment.

5. The following is also called *an arms race*. (circle one)

Alliances Imperialism Nationalism Militarism

6. The following statement, “the Austro-Hungarian Empire felt threatened by Serbia and was opposed to self-determination and independence in the Balkans” is linked to which cause of the war? (circle one)

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7. Label one of the four causes of the war with each statement below:

a) The belief that a country should maintain a strong military capability and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests. A policy of aggressive military preparedness to gain power and to achieve its goals.

b) A formal agreement or pact, especially a military one, between two or more countries to achieve a particular aim, such as collective security. _____

c) A policy of extending a country's political and economic power and influence through colonization, use of military force, or other means in order to gain control over other areas of the world. _____

d) A belief, creed or political ideology that involves an individual identifying with, or becoming attached to, one's nation or national identity. _____