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World War I Project.

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Background: Prior to World War I Europe was a much different place than it was before. There were two different alliances: The “Triple Alliance”, which consisted of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy, and the “Triple Entente”, which consisted of France, Great Britain and Russia. In the early 1910’s Serbia set up an assassination plot to kill Austria-Hungary’s prime minister, Franz Ferdinand. After being assassinated Austria-Hungary came up with a proposal to Serbia to not declare war on them, they refused and war began. Europe had never been very influenced with nationalism prior to World War I but now all people want to do is fight for their country even if they don’t believe in the cause.

Problem: There were many factors that led up to the start of World War I but alliances made before the war started were the main cause. The reason for this is because when one country entered the war two others would have to because of the previously made alliances. “The European alliance system turned a conflict within a country into a war.” It was not only the alliance system that caused the war to keep going but the fact that many different colonies of the countries fighting had to join into the war also, causing a global or “World War” to break out. Another reason is an increase in military spending, even though these costs were made to protect countries in the end the countries that did increase military just ended up using it in wars not associated with protection.

Solution: There are a few different solutions that could have prevented World War I. The first is

that alliances should not be set up before war breaks out, countries should choose their own side in a war when it happens for just not join in at all. If there had not been alliances then World War I would have stayed a war between two countries like it should have. The second thing that could have been done to prevent World War I is to make an agreement to not spend so much money on the military. Germany's large military, even though it was made for protection and not domination, did influence the war greatly considering they had more power than most of the other nations fighting.