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Background: Militaries expanding and increasing in power caused Europe's armed forces to be anxious and ready to fight. Austria-Hungary and Serbia had a lot of tension due to who felt they should control Bosnia. This tension kept building up, so then a gang was formed to kill the Archduke of Austria-Hungary, and they were successful. Due to this, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. That's when, Germany joined with Austria-Hungary, this caused Russia to join. When Germany attacked Belgium, that's when Great Britain. Alliances kept joining in even when it was unnecessary. There were already tensions between each alliance so the more people that joined the more complicated it got. Italy was shady and had a secret alliance with Great Britain but had an actual alliance with Austria-Hungary and Germany but when it looked as if the allied powers (triple entente) were going to win, Italy revealed the secret alliance to Austria-Hungary and Germany and went to Great Britain's side. Then America joined the war because Germany blew up the Lusitania with over 100 Americans killed. When U.S. intercepted the Zimmerman note that also gave them the final push to join the war.

Problem: The main problem that had led to World War 1 is militarism. The militaries from each country building their military and spending money on armaments created a feeling of threat from other countries. This feeling of threat made a desire for having the most power. Militarism was caused by mostly the want to protect oversea colonies from other nations. Also, across Europe the size of militaries and navies increased sharply, especially in Germany.

Solution:

- No military allies – A country cannot ask another country to step in and help them fight in a war.
- Budgeting military spending – Reduces the risk of other countries feeling threatened and trying to build up their military.

No military alliances and budgeting the military spending, can help keep countries and colonies from being out numbered and being attacked. As well as, getting rid of the competition for having the biggest and strongest military.