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Background:

Assassination is the spark. The assassination of Austria Hungary's Archduke Ferdinand by Serbia is the result of tension throughout Europe. Serbia was sponsored by Bosnia to assassinate the archduke and unite Bosnia and Serbia. Military spending was one of the main causes due to the fact that Germany increased military spending. This created a lot of tension for neighboring nations, which makes them want to stock up their military supplies as well. Alliances caused a chain reaction in being a part of the war. If one member of the alliance declares war then this means that the rest of the countries in the alliance must go to war. Austria Hungary was the first members of the alliances to declare war on Serbia due to the assassination. Once Austria Hungary declared war on Serbia, then Russia went to war in alliance with Serbia. Because the countries declared war this brought many other countries into the war. Imperialism along with nationalism was a factor to war. This is due to Serbia's desire to unite them selves with Bosnia.

Problem:

We believe that there are two main factors to the war. One of those factors is military spending. This spending caused tension between the alliances and minor disagreements could easily turn into armed conflicts. The other problem that attributed to the war was the assassination of the Austria Hungary archduke Ferdinand. The reason the assassination was important was because it made Austria Hungary decide to declare war on Serbia. The Bosnian government supported Serbia in this act of violence. This was the spark that caused all the alliances (Central and Triple Entente) to enter into the war.

Solution:

Our solution would be to entirely eliminate the use of alliances. This would help because countries wouldn't be obligated to join the war. If countries were not obligated to join the war than a major conflict would not occur that involved so many countries.

Resources:

DBQ: The Causes of World War 1
Days That Shook The World
Textbook pg 740