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World War I Prevention

Background: The world has been preparing for war for quite some time. Militarism is the key word when it comes to their actions. They've been building everything better. Better weapons, better military, and better defense systems. During this, the United States is practicing isolationism, and refusing to enter the war. They intercepted the Zimmerman Note, a message from Germany to Mexico telling Mexico to attack the United States if they entered the war. In return, Germany promised to return Texas and New Mexico to Mexico when they took over the United States.

Problem: The world wants to show off their military prowess, so they're ready to go to war. The tensions between Serbia and Austria - Hungary are already high because Serbia is not meeting Austria - Hungary's demands. Everybody has allies, and people aren't fighting their own battles, so when the war is started, unnecessary countries are dragged into the war. Not just allies are being pulled in by the countries. Their colonies are also being pulled in.

Solution: Our group feels that the war could have been prevented by...

- Not letting your emotions get in the way of foreign affairs by using a different outlet.
- Limiting your military buildup by creating an international standard that you can only spend a certain amount of money on your military. (Set by a created group with a member from each country).
- Take responsibility for your actions by owning up to the things you did wrong.
- Don't involve other countries in your problems!

References:

- The sources Ms Raimondo gave us
- In - Class guided notes
- The Textbook (779-782)