

## World War 1 Proposal

Background: The alliances during World War 1 wasn't split up very equally. The major allied powers were Great Britain, France, Russia (until 1918) and United States (after 1917). The central powers was Germany, Austria-Hungary and Ottoman Empire. The war was sparked when the archduke was assassinated. There are 4 main reasons for the cause of World War 1. An example of militarism is European nations engage in a massive military buildup. An example for alliances is European countries form partnerships to protect themselves. For imperialism the rival empires were trying to seek power. The last main reason if nationalism were people feel loyalty and devotion to their country or culture.

Problem: The increase in weapons purchasing and manufacturing such as in Germany at the time created tension for other country like Russia and France, so in order to feel safe these countries would create alliances to defend themselves against countries they thought could be a threat to themselves. Alliances formed during the war created a situation in which case if one country went to war it would drag it's allies in as well; and this is exactly what happened after the arch duke of Austria-Hungary was assassinated.

Solution: The solution to prevent another war would be to keep peace and make treaties. Alliances should keep their alliances but don't drag everyone your in an alliance with to war. Counties do need to have a stock of weapons on hand in case of a threat but not too many to the point that it looks like you are plotting world domination like Germany did.

Resources: packet and text book.