

Avoiding World War Proposal- Shannon, Kendra, Cody

Background--leading up events

MAIN-

Militarism- building up of armaments. This built tensions between countries. Germany's military spending more than tripled from 1890-1914. They weren't the only ones; everyone was on edge because they had so many weapons just waiting to be used.

Alliances- brings countries into the war that weren't originally apart of the main cause. This furthered the war by drawing in countries that had not committed a crime in the first place.

Imperialism- expanding large countries to smaller countries. Large countries created colonies and took over smaller countries, expanding their empire and influence on the world. This created strong competition between countries, and resentment.

Nationalism- pride in one's country and the idea that one's country is better than another's. This also created a desire to fight for one's country and its reputation.

-immediate cause- Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austria-Hungarian throne.

- Serbia was trying to take over part of Austria-Hungary, or Bosnia. This was in attempts to unite their culture that was divided by Austria-Hungary's border line.- this was the immediate cause because... With "MAIN" already set up, all of the countries were ready for an attack. This event, essentially, sparked the war.

Problem

MAIN...(in order) We concluded that

Nationalism leads to..

Imperialism, which leads to...

Militarism and Alliances

N- There is nothing wrong with Nationalism - in moderation, of course. Being proud and patriotic of one's country is healthy, and encourages growth and happiness within it.

I- Expanding in the manner that they did caused tensions and competition. This ultimately caused the countries to build up Militarism and Alliances. And because of this, because of Imperialism and its effects, Europe was essentially a bomb waiting for the match. Therefore, Imperialism was the leading problem in starting the war.

Solution

The way that they went about ending the war was wrong.

Why? They put the weight of the entire war on a single country. However, that country(Germany) was not the sole party at fault. Other countries participated and caused damage as well. If Germany had been the only party at fault, the fact that the other countries entered the war would not have mattered at all - but it did. Because without those other countries, there would not have been a WW1. Therefore, it is simply illogical to claim that one country was to blame and take out all resentment of the war on that country. It only sets the country - and the world - up for further problems down the road.

Our Solution...

Each country takes responsibility for their own actions, the damage that they caused. This way, the blame is spread equally and not one country must cover other's damages, making everyone's recovery from the war a much smoother process.

examples/explanation for a better understanding..

"clean up after yourself"

food fight- if a table starts a food fight, a teacher is not going to make just one child clean it up: the whole table is responsible. The entire table would have to clean up their own mess (even if that one kid threw the most food).

There should also be a place where all leaders can meet up and converse over issues, where they could *civilly* resolve future predicaments.

References-

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Textbook

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