

Causes of World War I

There are many different hypotheses that try to explain who or what is to blame for the outbreak of World War I. Although there was a chain of events that led to the start of the war, there are many underlying causes both long term and short term. The origins of World War I lie several years before the actual outbreak of the war.

In this center you will be researching some of the major causes of WWI including Imperialism and Nationalism as well as some of the events like the sinking of the Lusitania and the Zimmerman telegraph. You will use the "Origins of World War I" graphic organizer to categorize what you learn.

You may use your **textbook** and the following suggested websites.

http://www.cusd.chico.k12.ca.us/~bsilva/projects/great_war/causes.htm

http://www.johndclare.net/causes_WWI2.htm

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Causes_of_World_War_I

<http://www.historyonthenet.com/WW1/causes.htm>

