

World War One Student Worksheet Two - Conditions leading up to the war

COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, AND THE ARMS RACE

1. Define Colonialism.
2. Define Imperialism.
3. What did British colonies provide to England during the war?
4. What had Britain controlled for almost 100 years?
5. What could be said about the distribution of British colonies and continents?
6. List the countries contesting Africa by 1914.
7. Describe, in general, where Germany had colonies?
8. Where were most of Italy's colonies?
9. Describe, in general (continents, regions) where the French had colonies.
10. Define contested.
11. Which two countries were contesting over Morocco?
12. What were Dreadnaught class ships called?
13. Which two European powers were most involved in the naval arms race?

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

1. Who made up the Central Powers during World War One?
2. What did Italian nationalist want?
3. What does "entente" mean?
4. Who were the three major allied powers at the start of the war?
5. Define Alliance.
6. Define treaty.
7. What was the position of Spain, The Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Iceland during World War One?

THE START OF THE GREAT WAR

1. What was the political condition of Bosnia and Serbia at the start of the war?
2. What was important about Francis Ferdinand?
3. What kind of group did Gavrilo Princip belong to?
4. What did Gavrilo Princip do?
5. Which country did Austria declare war on?
6. What did the three emperors do after the assassination of Ferdinand?
7. Define Ultimatum.
8. List the countries who declared war and who they declared war on.