

Basic Causes Of World War I (1914-1918):

1. *Militarism* (the glorification of war)

- increased production of military equipment prior to 1914.

- drafting of soldiers

- Britain felt threatened by Germany's naval building program

2. *Imperialism*:

- ** *European countries battling over colonies.*

- France and Germany clashed over Morocco.

- Great Britain and Germany competed for control in Africa and Asia for markets.

- Russia and Austria-Hungary were rivals in the Balkan region.

3. *Nationalism*:

(intense love or loyalty for ones country based on a common language, culture, heritage, etc)

**** Intense patriotism assured popular support for war in 1914.**

a) France was determined to recover French inhabited provinces of Alsace and Lorraine

b) Serbia wanted Austro-Hungarian territory inhabited by Yugoslav peoples. (Yugoslavs, Czechs, Slovaks)

4. System Of Alliances:

- Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy)

- Triple Entente (France, Russia, Britain)

5. Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand Of Austria-Hungary