

The Causes of World War One

Central Historical Question:

Was World War One caused by a just and righteous struggle for a country's power or was it an inevitable consequence of mankind's greed?

Notes:

Document #1 Joseph Mazzini, *On the Duties of Man Addressed to Workingmen*

<p>1. What is the topic of the document?</p> <p>2. How might this influence listeners?</p>	<p>3. If a war starts because of this would you consider it to be fought for "just reasons" or "greed"</p> <p>←-----→</p> <p>4. Why?</p>
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Document #2 Emile Zola *The Origins of the First World War* France, 1891

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Document #3 Prince Bernhard von Bulow, German Chancellor, speech to the Reichstag (the German legislature) December 11, 1899

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Document #4 Colonel Dragutin Dimitrevic, leader and founder of Serbian military secret society, “Union or Death” (or the “Black Hand” by opponents)

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Document #5 Eugène-Melchior de Vogüé, *The Master of the Seas* Paris, 1903

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Document #6 Bertrand Russell in *The Origins of the First World War*

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If a war starts because of these reasons would you consider it to be fought for “just reasons” or “greed”

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