


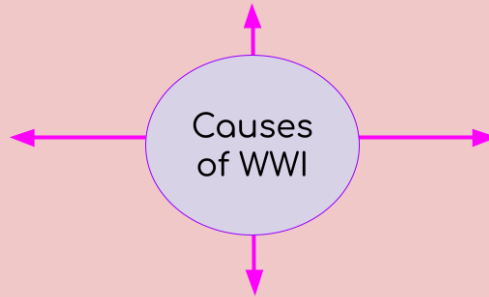
Humanities + MFL Faculty

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Year Group:	9
Subject:	Humanities - History
Lesson 1:	<div><h3>Why did WWI begin?</h3><p>LO- Identify the main causes of WWI</p><p>Keywords-</p><p>Alliance Kaiser Assassination</p><p>Starter- define the keywords</p><p>Online learning lesson 1 - September 2025</p><h3>Term 1- World War One</h3><p>This term we will be looking at the causes of WWI and the impact it had on civilians in Britain.</p><p>In preparation for your first half term, complete the two online learning lessons this week on-</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">i) The causes of WWIii) What was it like to fight in WWI?<p>Bring your completed work to your first History lesson</p></div>

Causes of WWI

Watch the videos and make a spider diagram about the MAIN causes of WWI



Read the information below and answer the questions on the next slide

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- 1) What is an alliance?
- 2) Who were the two main alliances before WWI?
- 3) Why did they make war more likely?

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What does this source tell you about the causes of WWI?

Use the sentence starters on the next slide to help answer this question

You can annotate (label) the source to help you



A cartoon from 1914 showing the pre war alliances

The Triple Entente is on the left, the Triple Alliance is on the right

- ☐ In the source, I can see...
- ☐ This suggests that the pre war alliances were...
- ☐ In the source, I can also see...
- ☐ This suggests that...
- ☐ From my own knowledge about the causes of WWI, I know...
- ☐ This links to the source because...



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Review-

Draw 4 pictures to represent the main causes of WWI

- Military
- Alliances
- Imperialism
- Nationalism

	<p>Video links</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24i4ncHuf6A&pp=0gcJCf0Ao7VqN5tD</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEGVcSpfM9k</p>
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