World War One broke out in late Summer 1914, but tension had been building in Europe since 1900.

#### The Main Causes

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| Glossary |
| Alliances | Agreements or promises to defend and help another country. |
| Imperialism | Trying to build up an empire. |
| Empire | Where a powerful country controls several less powerful countries. |
| **Militarism** | Building up armed forces and getting ready for war. |
| **Nationalism** | Having pride in your country and being ready to defend it. |

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| M | ilitarism |
| **A** | lliances |
| **I** | mperialism |
| **N** | ationalism |

**Germany**

Germany wanted to build up her empire. This is known as (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Germany also built up her armed forces. This is known as (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Britain**

As Britain had the most powerful navy in the World she was worried about other countries building up their armed forces. We could call this a worry about (3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Britain, Germany and other countries were keen to have large empires.

**Europe**

 European people were very proud of their countries and would defend their country as well as they could. This is called (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Alliance | Countries in the Alliance |
| Triple Entente | (5,6,7) |
| Triple Alliance | (8.9,10) |

Using your ‘notes’, complete the table below:

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| WordsComplete the following text using the words on the right. |
| stolenworriedEurope was divided into two (11)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These were called the Triple (12)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Triple (13)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Members of each alliance promised to fight for each other if they were attacked. It would only take a small incident to spark a war involving all of (14)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.Germany had been trying to build up her navy and her empire. (15) B\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was (16)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about this. Both countries raced each other to build the best navy. There was tension between both countries. This cause is called (17)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.The area to the south-east of (18)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was known as the Balkans. The area was very unstable. The European alliances had different ideas on how to deal with the problem.France was keen for (19)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Germany. Germany had taken land from the French in 1871 they wanted the land back. They said it had been (20)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from them by Germany.alliancesEuropeEntenteAllianceAustro-HungarymilitarismrevengeBritain |