World War One

ACTIVITIES PACKAGE:
THE STEPS TO WAR

LEARNING GOALS:

- To understand the causes of WW I.
- To understand the final steps that led to the war.
- To evaluate whether war could have been avoided.

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The start of the First World War was not a surprise. Each European nation had made many preparations for war years in advance. This package details the important developments that led to war.

Activity 1: Assassination

Follow along with the lecture, "The Assassination of the Archduke," and take the appropriate summary notes.

1) The Archduke's Visit

2) Outline the Austro-Hungarian Empire and circle Sarajevo

3) The Archduke Arrives

4) Are They Really Safe?

5) The Assassination

6) The Assassin and the Black Hand

7) The Aftermath

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Activity 2: Causes

Using your text or the internet, define and explain the contributions of the "MAIN" causes to the start of World War One.

MAIN	Definition	How did it Contribute to WW1?
M **MILITARISM**		
A **ALLIANCES**		
I **IMPERIALISM**		
N **NATIONALISM**		

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Activity 3: Europe

Using your text, or the internet, complete sections A, B and C of the mapping activity below.

Section A:

Label the following countries:

Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Great Britain, Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Ottoman Empire and France.

The Map of Europe in 1914

Section B:

Triple Entente (the Allies) first included:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Triple Alliance (Central Powers) first included:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Section C:

Shade in each of the alliances.

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Activity 4: Final Steps

Follow along with the lecture, "The Final Steps to War," and take the appropriate summary notes.

1) The Reaction Around the World

2) Europe Reacts

3) The Ultimatum

4) Final Steps

⇒ 1)

⇒ 2)

⇒ 3)

⇒ 4)

⇒ 5)

⇒ 6)

⇒ 7)

5) Draw the Schlieffen Plan

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Activity 5: War Begins

Read the instructions below and complete the mapping activity about the early stages of the war.

Login Information

Website: the-map-as-history.com

Username:
Password:

Instructions

- Using the login information to the left click on the section, "World War I."
- Watch the following animated maps listed below and answer the questions.

⇒ The German and French Plans
⇒ The Offensives of 1914

The German and French Plans

1. Complete the chart below by detailing the German and French plans and the challenges both sides faced. You may respond in point form.

Question	Germany	France
What were the military plans for each country in the event of war?		
What challenges did each face?		

The Offensives of 1914

1. Explain the *Battle of the Frontiers.*

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2. Explain the *Race to the Sea.*

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Activity 6: Analysis

Analyze the cartoon and complete each of the required tasks and questions below.

	Analysis Questions
1	Identify who each of the characters above represent (countries).
2	What is the main message that the cartoonist is trying to convey?
3	Is there evidence of bias, fragmentation or distortion in the cartoon? Explain.
4	Does the cartoonist present an accurate portrayal of the event or situation? Explain.

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Activity 7: Application

Respond to the question below in persuasive paragraph format. Use the "evidence chart" first to organize your response before writing.

<u>Question:</u> Who was to blame for the start of the First World War?

Persuasive Paragraph Format

- 1st sentence is your mini-thesis. Identify two to three main points in your thesis.
- The body of the paragraph includes evidence to support the main points of your thesis.
- The concluding sentence sums up your position without introducing new information

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