MOORE HOUSE ACADEMY | GRADE 8 HISTORY

LESSON 1 — WORKSHEET MEMORANDUM / FEEDBACK GUIDE

Worksheet A

Nationalism: Strong loyalty to a nation or people; sometimes encouraged rivalry or demands for independence.

Industrial and economic rivalry: Industrial powers competed for markets and raw materials; colonial competition increased tension.

Militarism and naval competition: Governments expanded armed forces and competed to build modern weapons and battleships.

Alliance system: Groups of countries promised support or developed close diplomatic ties, making crises harder to contain.

A — Nationalism

B — Industrial and economic rivalry

C — Militarism and naval competition

D — Alliance system

Chain 1: raw materials; markets; distrust.

Chain 2: battleships.

Chain 3: control.

Reflection: Accept a reasoned view distinguishing long-term tensions from decisions during the 1914 crisis. Best response: these conditions made war more likely but not unavoidable.

Worksheet B — Suggested marking

A1 (2) — Britain and Germany — 1 each.

A2 (1) — Protecting trade routes / empire / naval security.

A3 (2) — Each sees a stronger rival navy as a threat (1), and responds by building more warships, increasing competition or mistrust (1).

A4 (2) — Modern / secondary summary (1), because it retrospectively explains events rather than recording an eyewitness account (1).

B1 (2) — Pride/rivalry between states (1); demands for independence by groups within empires (1).

B2 (2) — Empire might lose territory / population / control (1), threatening its political power/stability (1).

PEEL paragraph rubric (6)

Criterion	Marks
Names and accurately describes two causes	2
Uses one specific relevant historical example	1
Explains a convincing cause-and-effect connection	2
Links to rising pre-war tension without determinism	1

Indicative answer: Industrial rivalry increased competition for raw materials and markets, while militarism encouraged powers to develop stronger armed forces. For example, Britain and Germany competed to build modern battleships after the launch of HMS Dreadnought in 1906. As each government tried to protect its trade and influence, the rival naval build-up increased suspicion. These long-term tensions raised the danger of conflict but did not by themselves make war inevitable.

Moderation notes

Avoid marking a single historical cause as the sole reason for the war.

The historical writing task is formative practice.