MOORE HOUSE ACADEMY | GRADE 8 HISTORY

TERM 4 • LESSON 1 • LONG-TERM CAUSES OF WORLD WAR I

WORKSHEET A | Understand and classify

Name: _____ Date: _____

Learning goal: identify the four long-term causes and explain how each increased tensions before 1914.

1 Build your cause glossary



Read the four descriptions. Underline one important phrase in each and write a short example or consequence in the final column.

Long-term cause	Meaning	My example / consequence
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.	_____ _____ _____

2 Identify the cause

Write the name of the long-term cause next to each situation. Some causes may connect with one another.

A. An empire worries that a national group within its borders wants independence.

Cause: _____

B. Two industrial powers compete for overseas markets and supplies of raw materials.

Cause: _____

C. Britain and Germany build increasingly powerful battleships.

Cause: _____

D. Leaders worry that a dispute with one state might involve its partners.

Cause: _____

3 Draw the connections

Complete the three **cause-and-effect chains** using the word bank below. Use each answer once. Write a full sentence under each chain.

WORD BANK: raw materials • control • markets • battleships • distrust

1. Factories expand → need for _____ and _____ → competition for overseas territories →

increased _____.

Explain: _____

2. Warships become more powerful → rival countries build more _____ → fear of an enemy attack increases

Explain: _____

3. National groups demand independence → empires fear losing _____ → political tension grows

Explain: _____

4 Stop and think

Did these four long-term causes make World War I unavoidable? Give one reason for your answer.

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