



Foxford Learning Plan

YEAR 9

Topic: The origins of WWI

Spring 2

Key Vocabulary

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| Militarism | The build-up of a country's military capabilities |
| Alliance | An agreement for mutual support between countries |
| Imperialism | The desire of countries to expand their territory outside of their own borders |
| Nationalism | The belief in the superiority of your nation over others |
| Artillery | Long range ballistic weapons |
| Dreadnought | The design of a ship made popular before WWI |
| Assassination | Killing a person, normally a leader as part of a larger political goal |
| Patriotism | The sense of pride you have from belonging to a country |
| Navy | A seaborne fighting force |
| Colony | A country under the control of an empire |

Key Skills

Over the course of the topic, I will be able to: -

To explain why war was announced in 1914

To describe the situation Europe and the wider world was in by 1914

To analyse the MAIN reasons behind the start of WWI

To analyse Historian's interpretations on the commencement of war

To synthesise evidence and to create a judgement about the causation of WWI



I will Understand

1. The reasons why countries wanted to build empires
2. The motivations for countries on the world stage
3. That the war is a controversial topic among Historians
4. The impacts of MAIN on the countries taking part in WWI
5. That the assassination of Franz Ferdinand was not the only factor in starting WWI