

POWDER KEG LECTURE & PARTNER CONNECTIONS

1. **Copy** the powder keg diagram onto a full sheet of paper.
2. Have out **six colors**:
 - a. *Brown for the outline of the barrel*
 - b. *Yellow/orange for the spark*
 - c. *Green, Blue, Purple and Red for the four main causes*
3. **Take notes** on the catalyst/spark of Archduke Franz Ferdinand.
4. **Take notes** on the causes from the bottom up:
 - a. *Nationalism*
 - b. *Imperialism*
 - c. *Militarism*
 - d. *Alliances*
5. **Review all notes** with the appropriate color.
6. In the margins, **work with a partner** to explain the connections of each of the causes to each of the other causes:
 - a. *Nationalism & Imperialism*
 - b. *Nationalism & Militarism*
 - c. *Nationalism & Alliances*
 - d. *Imperialism & Militarism*
 - e. *Imperialism & Alliances*
 - f. *Militarism & Alliances*
7. Review each of those with the appropriate pair of colors.
8. Study for a quiz the next day.

FOUR CAUSES OF WORLD WAR I

POWDER KEG NOTES

IMPERIALISM

- European nations competed for colonies
- Wanted cheap materials and labor
- Constant threat of war led to the Berlin Conference to divide foreign lands up amongst the European powers
- Britain resented German attempts to create a larger overseas empire

MILITARISM

- To acquire and protect colonies
- To keep other European nations from being aggressive
- Large armies and navies built up across Europe
- Britain had a huge navy, and felt threatened when Wilhelm II of Germany tried to build his up in the 1890s
- Britain wanted its navy to be at least as big as the next two biggest European navies combined - this was the "two power rule" - thus began the arms race
- Russia's army was over six million strong
- Germany doubled its army between 1892 and 1913

ALLIANCE SYSTEM

- The weakest countries were Austria-Hungary and Russia
- The strongest were Britain and Germany
- The Triple Entente:
 - Britain tried to create and strengthen alliances between themselves and France & Russia
 - Not a formal and binding treaty, but did create an opposite side to counter the triple alliance
- The Triple Alliance
 - Italy, Austro-Hungary and Germany

NATIONALISM

- Attempts at occupied lands to gain independence - think of Serbia
- Patriotism - vilification of other countries and ethnicities - "my country right or wrong"

CATALYST

- Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of the Austro-Hungarian Empire
- Shot by Serbian patriot Gavrilo Princip in June 1914
- If there will ever be a world conflict, "It will be because of some damned fool thing in the Balkans." -*German Chancellor Bismarck*