

*** France - Motives for World War I ***

1. Desire for Revenge:

France wanted to regain the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, which were lost to Germany in 1871.

2. Defending National Security:

France feared further German expansion and sought to protect its borders from Germany.

3. Alliance with Russia:

France had a military alliance with Russia and was committed to supporting Russian interests.

4. Support for Serbia:

France sympathized with Serbia, especially after Austria-Hungary declared war, and saw it as a chance to weaken Germany's ally.

5. Defending Democracy:

France, as a republic, sought to protect its democratic ideals from the monarchical and authoritarian regimes of Germany and Austria-Hungary.