*** Ottoman Empire - Motives for World War I ***

- 1. Desire to Preserve the Empire:
 - The Ottoman Empire sought to maintain control over its territories, particularly in the
- 2. Internal Instability:
 - The empire was facing internal decay, and the ruling regime hoped that military involved
- Desire to Expand Territorial Influence:
 - The Ottoman Empire aimed to regain lost territories and expand its influence, particu
- 4. Alliance with Germany:
 - The Ottoman Empire joined the war alongside Germany in hopes of receiving military
- 5. Preventing Russian Expansion:
 - The Ottomans feared Russian territorial expansion in the Caucasus and the Black Se
- Protecting the Suez Canal:
 - The Ottoman Empire sought to protect its strategic position in the Middle East, partic