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prompt:

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The political scientist Kenneth Waltz argues that the causes of war can be analyzed at three different levels of analysis:

Analyze World War 1 according to one (or a blend) of these levels of analysis. Make an argument that could explain the causes of WW1.

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resources: GHMW Unit 4.pdf palmer reading <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KTggTDz3YI7fT9MxwG4l25qMPNyiU>

levels of analysis:

- individual
- state
- systemic

example: put an egg in a highway, do you blame the car that crushes it?

how do we think about inevitability?

relative usefulness of each one

how do they intersect? system provides inevitability, but is that emergent out of the qualities of the individual?

potential essay: top down, each one informs the next. simply map to analysis levels

claim: not actually three separate levels? higher up levels cannot be generated without the previous?

systems need to account for randomness, which is inevitable. thus, higher level analysis?

the fact that Ferdinand dying caused this meant that there was a higher level issue?

systems: random chance events will happen

was it a random chance event? was this the 'natural progression of things'?

or is the approach, 'random chance events are inevitable (in a system with so many actors), we