TEACHER – CARD SORT ANSWER KEY

Militarism

- The belief or desire of a government or people that a country should maintain a strong military capability and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests.

- From 1910 to 1914, European countries increased the spending of defense significantly. France increased defense spending by 10%, Great Britain by 13%, and Germany by 73%.

- The German Navy Law of 1898 increased the number of battleships in Germany from 9 to 12.

Alliances

- A formal agreement between two or more states for mutual support in case of war.

- Russia had an alliance with Serbia and France.

- Great Britain had agreements to protect France and Belgium if invaded.

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Imperialism

- Germany controlled colonies in Africa.

- A system in which a country rules other countries, sometimes having used force to get power over them.

- The continent of Africa is under European control except for two countries, Liberia and Ethiopia.

- France controlled colonies in Africa and SE Asia, called French-Indo China consisting of present-day Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

- Great Britain controlled all of India, called the British Raj.

Nationalism

- France lost two territories, called Alsace-Lorraine in a conflict with Germany in 1871. France strongly wanted the return of the two territories, and this led to strong anti-German feelings of French citizens. People living in Alsace-Lorraine considered themselves French.
- Identification with one's own nation and support for its interests, especially to the exclusion or detriment of the interests of other nations.
- Germany became a unified country in 1871 and was determined to become a world political power.
- Austria-Hungary was a large empire established in 1867, consisting of many different ethnicities such as Czechoslovakians, Serbians, and Polish people. They did not want to be controlled by the Austrian-Hungarian empire and desired their own countries.