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Militarism

- *Militarism* is 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 significantly increased their amount of defense spending. 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

- An *alliance* is 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 they were invaded.

Imperialism

- *Imperialism* is a system in which a country rules other countries, sometimes having used force to get power over them.
- Germany controlled colonies in Africa.
- The continent of Africa was under European control except for two countries, Liberia and Ethiopia.
- France controlled colonies in Africa and Southeast Asia, called French-Indo China, consisting of present-day Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.
- Great Britain controlled all of India, called the British Raj.

Nationalism

- *Nationalism* is the identification with one's own nation and support for its interests, especially to the exclusion or detriment of the interests of other nations.
- France lost two territories called Alsace-Lorraine in a conflict with Germany in 1871. France strongly wanted these two territories returned, which led to strong anti-German feelings among French citizens. People living in Alsace-Lorraine considered themselves French.
- 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. These different ethnicities did not want to be controlled by the Austro-Hungarian Empire and desired to become their own countries.