

## **World War One Teacher Answer Sheet Two - Conditions leading up to the war**

### **COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, AND THE ARMS RACE**

1. Define Colonialism. Colonialism is a national policy of ruling other countries and keeping them dependent on the ruling country.

2. Define Imperialism. Imperialism is a policy of imposing the rule or command of an empire or nation over foreign countries, or of obtaining and occupying colonies and dependencies.

3. What did British colonies provide to England during the war?  
Military, financial and material support.

4. What had Britain controlled for almost 100 years?  
The oceans of the world.

5. What could be said about the distribution of British colonies and continents?  
Britain had colonies on every continent.

6. List the countries contesting Africa by 1914.  
France, Germany, England, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Belgium, Ethiopia

7. Describe, in general, where Germany had colonies?  
The Pacific Islands and Africa.

8. Where were most of Italy's colonies?  
In North and East Africa.

9. Describe, in general (continents, regions) where the French had colonies.  
Southeast Asia, West Africa, East Africa, South America, and the Middle East.

10. Define contested. Challenged, in dispute.

11. Which two countries were contesting over Morocco?  
France and Germany

12. What were Dreadnaught class ships called?  
All big gun ships.

13. Which two European powers were most involved in the naval arms race?  
Germany and England

## **STRATEGIC ALLIANCES**

1. Who made up the Central Powers during World War One?  
Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire.
2. What did Italian nationalist want?  
To reunify territory lost to Austria-Hungary.
3. What does “entente” mean? Agreement
4. Who were the three major allied powers at the start of the war?  
England, France, and Russia
5. Define Alliance. A close association of nations formed to support common interests.
6. Define treaty. A written agreement between two nations.
7. What was the position of Spain, The Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Iceland during World War One?  
Neutral

## **THE START OF THE GREAT WAR**

1. What was the political condition of Bosnia and Serbia at the start of the war?  
Serbia was independent, Bosnia was controlled by Austria-Hungary
2. What was important about Francis Ferdinand?  
He was heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary.
3. What kind of group did Gavrilo Princip belong to? Radical nationalist
4. What did Gavrilo Princip do?  
Assassinated Francis Ferdinand and his wife.
5. Which country did Austria declare war on? Serbia
6. What did the three emperors do after the assassination of Ferdinand?  
Kaiser Wilhelm II gave support to Franz Joseph I of Austria and  
Tsar Nicholas II gave support to Serbia
7. Define Ultimatum. A Final Demand
8. List the countries who declared war and who they declared war on.  
Germany declared war on Russia.  
Germany declared war on France.  
Germany declared war on Belgium.  
England declared war on Germany.  
Austria declared war on Serbia.

