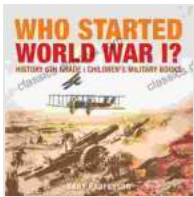


Who Started World War I? A History for 6th Grade Children

In this book, we will explore the complex chain of events that led to the outbreak of World War I. We will learn about the political, social, and economic tensions that existed in Europe at the beginning of the 20th century, and we will examine the specific events that triggered the start of the war.



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The Causes of World War I

There were many factors that contributed to the start of World War I. Some of the most important causes include:

- **Nationalism:** A sense of national pride and identity was on the rise in Europe in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This led to competition and rivalry between nations, as each country sought to protect its own interests.

- **Imperialism:** European powers were competing for control of colonies in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. This competition led to tensions between nations, as each country sought to expand its empire.
- **Militarism:** European countries were building up their militaries in the years leading up to World War I. This arms race created a sense of fear and insecurity among nations, as each country worried about being attacked by its rivals.
- **Alliances:** European countries entered into a complex system of alliances in the years leading up to World War I. These alliances obligated countries to come to the aid of their allies if they were attacked. This system of alliances made it more difficult to resolve conflicts peacefully.

The Outbreak of World War I

The immediate trigger for the outbreak of World War I was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. The assassination was carried out by a Serbian nationalist on June 28, 1914. Austria-Hungary blamed Serbia for the assassination and declared war on Serbia on July 28, 1914.

Russia, Serbia's ally, mobilized its army in response to Austria-Hungary's declaration of war. Germany, Austria-Hungary's ally, responded by declaring war on Russia on August 1, 1914. France, Russia's ally, then declared war on Germany on August 3, 1914. Great Britain, France's ally, declared war on Germany on August 4, 1914.

The Course of the War

World War I was a long and bloody conflict that lasted for four years. The war was fought on multiple fronts, including in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Millions of people were killed or injured in the war, and entire cities were destroyed.

The war ended with the signing of the Armistice of 11 November 1918. The armistice ended the fighting, but it did not resolve the underlying causes of the war. The peace settlement that followed the war was harsh on Germany, and it contributed to the rise of Nazism in the 1930s.

World War I was a tragedy that had a profound impact on the world. The war led to the deaths of millions of people, and it left a legacy of bitterness and resentment that would last for generations.

It is important to remember the lessons of World War I so that we can prevent future wars. We must learn to resolve conflicts peacefully, and we must work together to build a more just and equitable world.

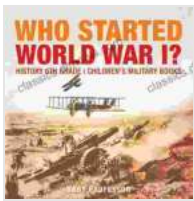
Discussion Questions

- What were the main causes of World War I?
- What was the immediate trigger for the outbreak of World War I?
- What were the major events of the war?
- What were the consequences of the war?
- What lessons can we learn from World War I?

Further Reading

- World War I for Kids: <https://www.kidshistory.com/world-war-i>

- The Causes of World War I: <https://www.history.com/topics/world-war-i/world-war-i-causes>
- The Course of World War I: <https://www.nationalww1museum.org/learn/education/educator-resources/world-war-i-timeline>
- The Consequences of World War I: <https://www.britannica.com/event/World-War-I/Consequences>



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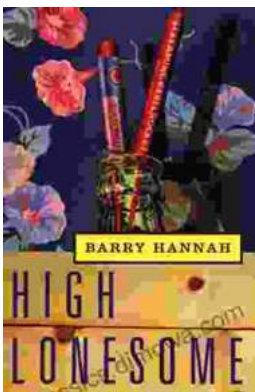
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