Causes of:

**WWI**
Militarism – Many countries went past defending its country. Its defense soon turned to aggression. and aggression created enemies. For example, Germany, Britain, and other countries had just industrialized, and they wanted to show off their new weaponry. Their aggression caused them to gain enemies and competition was created. Naval race between Germany and Britain

Alliance – Allied vs. Central powers. Before the war it was the Triple entente – Russian Britain, France and the Triple Alliance – Germany Austria-Hungary Italy

Imperialism – African scramble caused competition between the nations = tension. Creates alliances

Nationalism – Black Hand and the powder keg. Extreme nationalism is dangerous. Serbs wanted independence for all Serbs. Anti- AH propaganda. Lead to assassination of archduke Franz Ferdinand. AH gives ultimatum. Serbs accept all but one, to AH goes to war. Germany comes in to help.

Assassination of Arch duke Franz Ferdinand

**Russian Revolution**
- Bloody Sunday – people wanted reforms. Guards fired on unarmed civilians, even though they were not ordered to. Nicholas called a murder. He did not make reforms, but dissolved the Duma
- Leadership of Nicholas II – indecisive, easily manipulated, advice form Alexandra and Rasputin. Autocracy, dissolved Duma, WWI. He wasn’t making necessary reforms
- WWI – slaughter on battlefield from lack of weapons and supplies, low moral, food and fuel shortages ended in humiliating defeat

**Great Depression**
- Post-WWI recession
- German reparations & hyperinflation
- US Daws Plan → Germany dependent on US
- Stock market Crash
- Great Depression = world wide depression

**WWII**
- Treaty of Versailles → war guilt and reparations (Article 231) = humiliation and resentment
- Failure of League of Nations → Chamberlin’s appeasement of dictators.
  - Munich → Sudetenland
  - Mussolini’s invasion of Ethiopia
  - Hitler’s Anschluss with Austria
  - Hitler in the Rhineland
- Did not enforce T.O.V
- German rearming (mandatory draft)) mandatory conscription

**Cold War**
- Different US and USSR post war goals