• Russians had been banned from this area since the end of the Crimean war in 1856. However it was now possible as Russia was supporting the Baltic nationalism.
• France and Russia form an alliance in 1894 called the Franco-Russian alliance as both were isolated nations.
• Germany feels surrounded and tries even harder to win over Britain – Germany thinks that Britain would prefer an alliance with them as France and Britain were fighting over Africa. Therefore to make this happen Germany stirred up trouble in South Africa which was a British colony so that England would need support and call on the Germans for help.
• Britain still doesn’t make an alliance with Germany and is now always suspicious of the German's motives.