

**WORLD WAR I AND BEYOND****Enrichment: Create an Illustrated Timeline****Buildup to World War I**

This chapter opens by explaining briefly that the buildup to World War I began in the late 1800s. The chapter provides an overview of this buildup but does not go into detail about the activities of the nations involved. As you read in your text, nationalism, militarism, imperialism, and entangling alliances combined with other factors to lead to war in 1914.

**The Assignment:** Work in a group to create an illustrated timeline showing important events in the buildup to World War I. Consider the four factors mentioned above. Include specific dates, details, and data.

**Suggested procedures:**

1. Individually, reread the introduction and the first subsection of Section 1, "What Caused World War I?" Write down questions that arise as you read the subsection. For example, the text mentions that Britain had a large empire and France had a smaller one. You may want to ask what colonies and other lands each nation controlled and what role these colonies played in the buildup to the war.
2. Come together as a group, and share and discuss the questions you wrote. Use these questions to help you decide which nations to research and what questions should guide research about each country.
3. Brainstorm a list of sources to use for your research. Remember to include sources that will provide illustrations for the timeline or data that can be used to create illustrations such as charts and graphs.
4. Decide how to divide the research among group members, and begin your individual research.
5. Come together as a group to share your research results and to plan the dates, events, and illustrations to include in the timeline. Decide how to present your data. For example, what information should be presented as text, and what can better be presented visually?
6. Assemble illustrations and captions to complete the vertical timeline on the next page. If you wish to include more events, continue the timeline on another sheet of paper. Present your timeline. Encourage feedback from the audience about how these events contributed to the buildup to World War I.

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