

AQA: Conflict & Tension: First World War

THEME		Paper 1 Section B: Causes & events of the First World War		
		R	A	G
Knowledge				
Part One: Causes of the First World War: i) The Alliance System ii) Anglo- German Rivalry iii) Outbreak of war	i) How did the Triple Alliance contribute to the outbreak of war? Include the formation of the alliance, who joined it and what they agreed to do.			
	ii) How did the Triple Entente contribute to the outbreak of war? Include the formation of the Franco-Russian alliance, the Entente Cordiale and what they agreed to do?			
	iii) How did colonial rivalry contribute to the outbreak of war? Include both the Moroccan Crises of 1905 and 1911, making sure to show why they happened and what were the consequences of each one.			
	iv) How did the tension in the Balkans contribute to the outbreak of war? Include both the annexation of Bosnia in 1908 and the Balkan Wars in 1912/13			
	v) How did the British and German foreign policies differ? Include information about the difference between Splendid Isolation and Weltpolitik			
	vi) How did the arms race make war more likely? Include details of the naval race, dreadnaughts and the comparative size of their armies.			
	vii) Why was the assassination of Franz Ferdinand significant? Include reference to the Balkan Crises and the anti-Austrian nationalist feeling in Bosnia and Serbia. Also the details of the assassination and why it might lead to war.			
	viii) What events in July 1914 led to an escalation of hostilities? Include the chronology of events of the July Crisis, blank cheque, treaty with Belgium and the Schlieffen Plan.			
Part Two: Stalemate:	i) Why did the Schlieffen Plan fail? Include the different reasons for the failure of the Schlieffen Plan and how it contributed to trench warfare.			

i) The Schlieffen Plan ii) The Western Front iii) The Wider war	ii) Why did the Battle of the Marne lead to trench warfare? Include the details of the battle and the subsequent race to the sea and how these contributed to trench warfare.			
	iii) What is Trench Warfare? Include the military tactics used in trench warfare including the idea of attrition and conditions in the trenches.			
	iv) What technology did they use on the battlefield? Include the Lee Enfield rifle, bayonets, pistols, grenades, machine gun, flame thrower, tanks, artillery and gas attacks			
	v) How significant were the Battles of Verdun, Somme & Passchendaele? Include the causes, events and impact of each of these battles.			
	vi) Why was the Gallipoli campaign a failure? Include why the campaign happened, how it changed and why it ultimately failed.			
	vii) What was the significance of the war at sea? Include the Battle of Jutland, unrestricted u-boat campaign, sinking of the Lusitania and the convoy system.			
	Part three: A Ending the war: i) Changes in allied forces ii) Military developments in 1918 iii) Germany surrenders	i) What was the impact of the Russian Revolution? Include the causes of the Bolshevik revolution and the impact it had on the fighting on the Western Front.		
ii) What difference did the US entry into the war have? Include Mexico, the Zimmerman Telegram, unrestricted u-boat campaign, Lusitania and impact on Spring Offensive in 1918.				
iii) How did advanced technology change the course of the war? Include developments in tanks, naval tactics, air warfare, long range artillery, infiltration techniques and overall command				
iv) Why did the Spring Offensive fail? Include the events of the Spring (Ludendorff) Offensive and how it was stopped by the allies, including impact of US involvement.				
v) Why did Germany surrender in 1918? Include impact of blockade, morale, mutinies, German revolution and abdication.				
vi) What was the contribution of Haig and Foch? Include positive and negative contribution of both generals and their impact on the outcome of the war.				