Period/Unit 7.2

*1900 to Present – Causes of World War I (“The Great War”)*

**Topic 7.2 – Causes of World War I**

THEMATIC FOCUS: **Governance** (GOV) *A variety of internal and external factors contribute to state formation, expansion, and decline. Governments maintain order through a variety of administrative institutions, policies, and procedures, and governments obtain, retain, and exercise power in different ways and for different purposes.*

**B. Explain the causes and consequences of World War I.**

* The causes of World War I included imperialist expansion and competition for resources. In addition, territorial and regional conflicts combined with a flawed alliance system and intense nationalism to escalate the tensions into global conflict.

Immediate Cause:

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| Long-term Causes | Details |
| **M**ilitarism |  |
| **A**lliances |  |
| **I**mperialism |  |
| **N**ationalism |  |