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Causes of World War I - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Why was World War I called the "Great War" when it was happening?

- A. Not all of the nations in the world truly fought in the war.
- B. People thought that fighting in battles would be enjoyable.
- C. Its effects were more significant and widespread than those of World War II.
- ☒ D. Many people died, and it was the largest war in history because World War II hadn't happened yet.

2. Which of the following is the best example of imperialism?

- A. France building a powerful navy
- B. England's alliance with France
- C. German schools teaching English
- ☒ D. England and Germany competing for colonies

3. Which of the following is the best example of militarism?

- ☒ A. England building a powerful navy
- B. The French singing their national anthem
- C. France's alliance with England
- D. The British teaching English in India

4. Which of the following was one of the four main causes of World War I?

- ☒ A. Alliances
- B. Propaganda
- C. World War II
- D. The Treaty of Versailles

5. True or False: Imperialism created an atmosphere of competition and confrontation.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

6. Which of the following is a reason militarism bloomed in the early 20th century?

- A. More efficient manufacturing of tools, weapons, and airplanes
- B. Countries like Great Britain and Germany were locked in an unofficial arms race.
- C. The Industrial Revolution
- ☒ D. All of the above

7. Alliances made between European countries meant { }

- A. countries that were not a part of the alliance could not trade with them
- ☒ B. if one country were attacked, its allies would come in to defend it
- C. if one country were attacked, its allies would wait on standby
- D. if one country's weapon manufacturing were efficient, they would share resources

8. What was the event that "lit the match" for World War I to start?

- ☒ A. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
- B. The assassination of John F. Kennedy
- C. The Industrial Revolution
- D. Bosnians immigrating out of Austria

9. True or False: There was no singular cause of World War I.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

10. What was true four years after Franz Ferdinand's assassination?

- A. World War I was over.
- B. 40 million people were dead or wounded.
- C. The global political, economic, and social climate had shifted.
- ☒ D. All of the above.