

# Year 8 History | Term 4

## Key Question: What were the causes of WW1?

**Topic Overview:** In this unit, students will explore 'The Great War', 1914-1918, which was, arguably, the turning point of the 20th Century. Through a deep study of the causes of this war, our students will have an enriched knowledge of a range of short and long term causes, thereby enhancing their understanding of significance, chronology, causation and consequence. They will also comprehend why Britain fought in WW1, due to a mix of alliance systems, a naval race, a hundred year treaty with Belgium to name but a few factors.

	Lesson Exploration	Knowledge & Skills Exploration	National Curriculum Link	Key Words
Week 1: Lesson 1	Why did Prussia win the 1870 Franco-Prussian War?	Students will explore the long term cause of the Franco-Prussian War. Students will explore this by conducting a causation, events and consequences analysis.	challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day In addition to studying the Holocaust, this could include: Examples (non-statutory) women's suffrage the First World War and the Peace Settlement  <a href="#">National Curriculum Link</a>	Entente system Entente Cordiale The Great Game Black Hand Gang Dreadnought Naval Race Industrialisation Gavrilo Princip Assassination Austro-Hungarian Empire
Week 2: Lesson 1	Why was there an Anglo-German naval race?	Students will explore the Anglo-German Naval Race, completing causation, events and consequences analysis.		
Week 3: Lesson 1	Who were the black hand gang?	Students will explore the role of the Black Hand gang in causing WW1. They will achieve this through an interpretations analysis.		
Week 4: Lesson 1	What were the short term causes of WW1?  Why was Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated?	Students will explore the significance of the assassination of Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand. They will achieve this by analysing the significance or a range of factors which caused WW1 (using a diamond 9 activity).		
Week 5:	Assessment	Assessment		

<b>Lesson 1</b>				
<b>Week 6: Lesson 1</b>	Try now	Students will experience individual Try Now activities to close the gaps identified in the Wk 5 assessment.		

<b>Literacy Links</b>	<b>Numeracy Links</b>
Students will have to read sources and write answers in paragraphs, thereby enhancing their literacy.	Students will have to put events into chronological order, calculate periods and lifespans as well as utilise roman numerals.