What were the causes of WWI?

NATIONALISM
Many nations competed for power and pride; others wanted independence for their people
❖France – wanted revenge against Germany for taking Alsace and Lorraine in 1871
❖Germany – united in 1871 & became powerful; wanted to increase its power by getting more territory
❖Austria-Hungary – Serbians wanted independence from Austrian rule

IMPERIALISM
As a result of industrialization and nationalism, European nations competed for colonies
❖Moroccan crises (1905 & 1911) – France and Germany competed for land in Africa

MILITARISM (& THE ARMS RACE)
National competition led nations to build up their militaries
❖France – wanted revenge against Germany so doubled size of its military
❖Britain & Germany – competed for most powerful navy

ALLIANCES
Like in gangs, because of alliances, small fights could turn into big ones when everyone got involved
❖Triple Alliance (1882) – Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy
❖Triple Entente (1907) – Britain, France, Russia