

Before the First World War

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Militarism

Militarism means that military forces, like the army, are given a high profile by the government. The growing European divide had led to an arms race between the main countries. The armies of both France and Germany had more than doubled between 1870 and 1914 and there was fierce competition between Britain and Germany for mastery of the seas. The British had introduced the "Dreadnought," an effective battleship, in 1906. The Germans soon followed suit introducing their own battleships. The German, Von Schlieffen also drew up a plan of action that involved attacking France through Belgium if Russia made an attack on Germany. The map below shows how the plan was to work.

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Alliance An alliance is an agreement made between two or more countries to give each other help if it is needed. When an alliance is signed, those countries become known as allies. A number of alliances had been signed by countries between the years 1879 and 1914. These were important because they meant that some countries had no option but to declare war if one of their allies. declared war first. Triple Alliance (Central Powers) = Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy (also the Ottoman Empire) Triple Entente (Allied Powers) = Britain, France, Russia (also Serbia, and members of the British Empire like Canada)	New Alliances The Axis Powers: http://www.britanr The "Allies": http://www.newwo
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Before the First World War Before the **Imperialism Appeasement** Imperialism is when a country takes over new lands or countries and http://www.history makes them subject to the incoming country's rule. After 1933, Hitler b expansion to Europ By 1900 the British Empire extended over five continents, and France had control of large areas of Africa. With the rise of industrialism countries required new markets. The amount of lands "owned" by Munich Confe Britain and France increased the rivalry with Germany who had entered the scramble to acquire colonies late and only occupied Annexation of small areas of Africa. Invasion of Pol The British Empire was the largest, consisting of nations around the world including Australia, India, and Canada.

Before The First World War Before Th **Nationalism Nazism** http://www.holoca Nationalism is a set of beliefs that promote the collective interests and cultural identify of a nation – it was growing in the years before The First World War. Austria-Hungary, for example, was home to 50 million Austrians, Hungarians, Bosnians, Ukrainians, and other groups, who were often hostile to one another. Many of the groups wanted their own independent countries. Germany and Italy had only recently become unified countries (in the late 1800s), patriotism and pride were forces that helped to unite these new European nations.

Countries like Britain and France had long histories and patriotic

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sentiments ran deep.

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Because Canada was not yet an independent international actor, Britain's declaration of war was also binding on Canada.

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In August 1914, Britain and France went to war with Germany. The Canadian government immediately offered Britain troops for overseas service, although Ottawa controlled the level of Canada's military participation. Most Canadians greeted the outbreak of war with enthusiasm, especially those born in the British Isles who volunteered in large numbers. They were unaware, along with the rest of the world, of the horrors that twentieth-century warfare would bring.

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Recruits were gathered and given basic training at the hastily-built camp at Valcartier, Québec. On October 3, the first 32,000-strong contingent of the Canadian Expeditionary Force sailed for Britain. The British colony of Newfoundland also sent 500 troops at this time.

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Robert Borden led Canada through one of the most difficult periods in its history. He orchestrated its enormous contribution to the war effort while managing growing social tensions and political problems at home.

Canada had little control over its military forces or its foreign policy at the start of the war, and no experience with managing a wartime economy. Borden used the scale and importance of Canada's growing war effort to advocate greater national independence within the Empire. He nevertheless believed strongly in loyalty to Britain and the necessity of a large-scale military and industrial contribution to the war. He even visited London and the battlefields of the Western Front in 1917.

Borden's decision to invoke conscription, or compulsory service, in order to maintain Canada's armies in the field nearly tore the country apart. Borden improved his chances for victory in the 1917 election by giving the vote to likely supporters of conscription (such as soldiers, as well as their mothers, wives, or widows) while taking it away from likely opponents (some recent immigrants).

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Throughout the war, but especially in its early months, Canadians rushed to enlist for reasons of patriotism, adventurism, opposition to German aggression, or personal ties to Great Britain. Public attitudes also influenced individual decisions, in particular the widespread view in many parts of the country that those who failed to enlist were cowards.

Daily newspaper editorials, political speeches, and lectures from the pulpit implored men that their duty to King and Country meant serving in the military. Early recruitment posters urged enlistment on the basis of patriotism and emotional connections to the war's major issues. Later, more desperate posters tried to shame men into enlisting by questioning their loyalty and their manhood. Wartime propaganda also urged women to pressure men to enlist



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