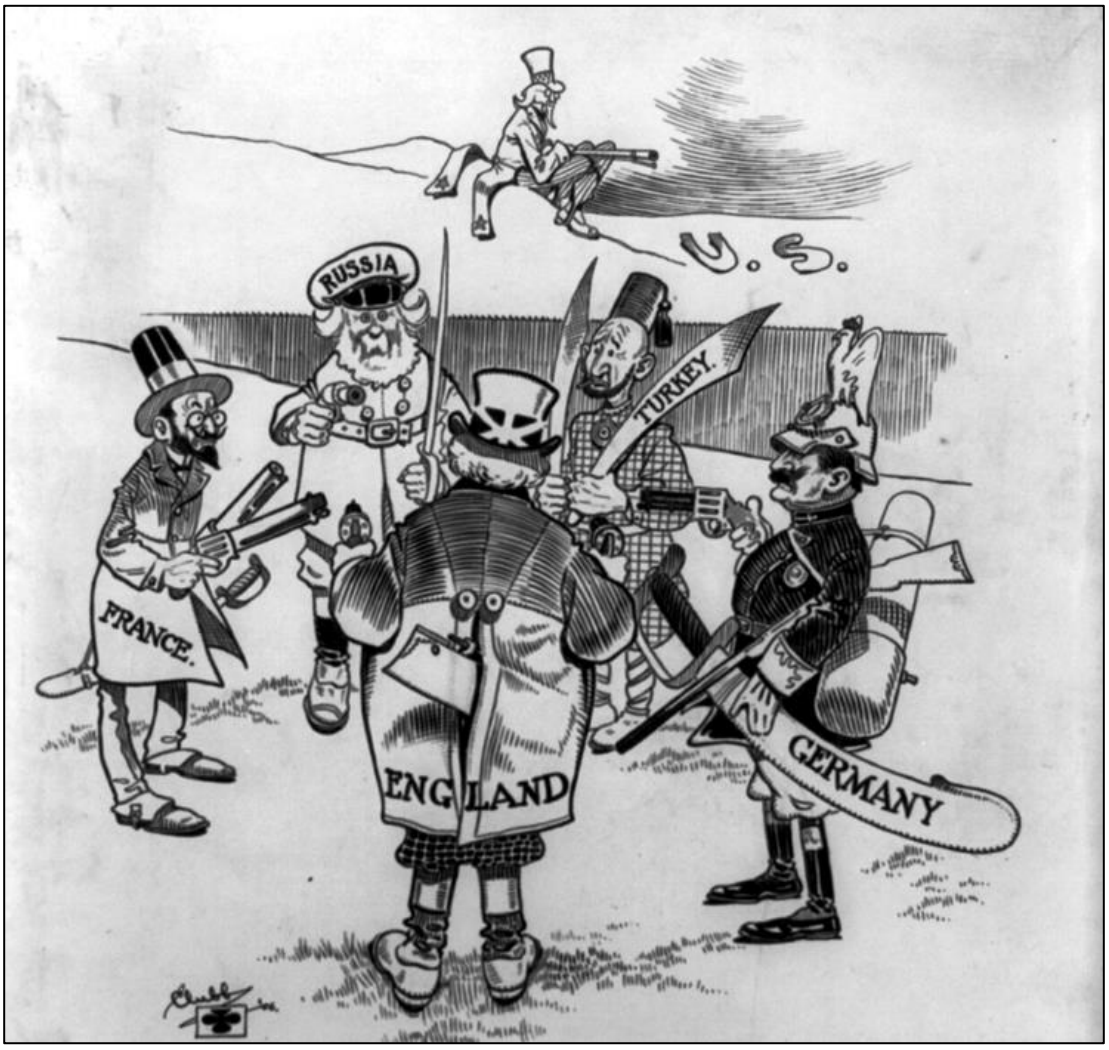
Causes of World War I Activity

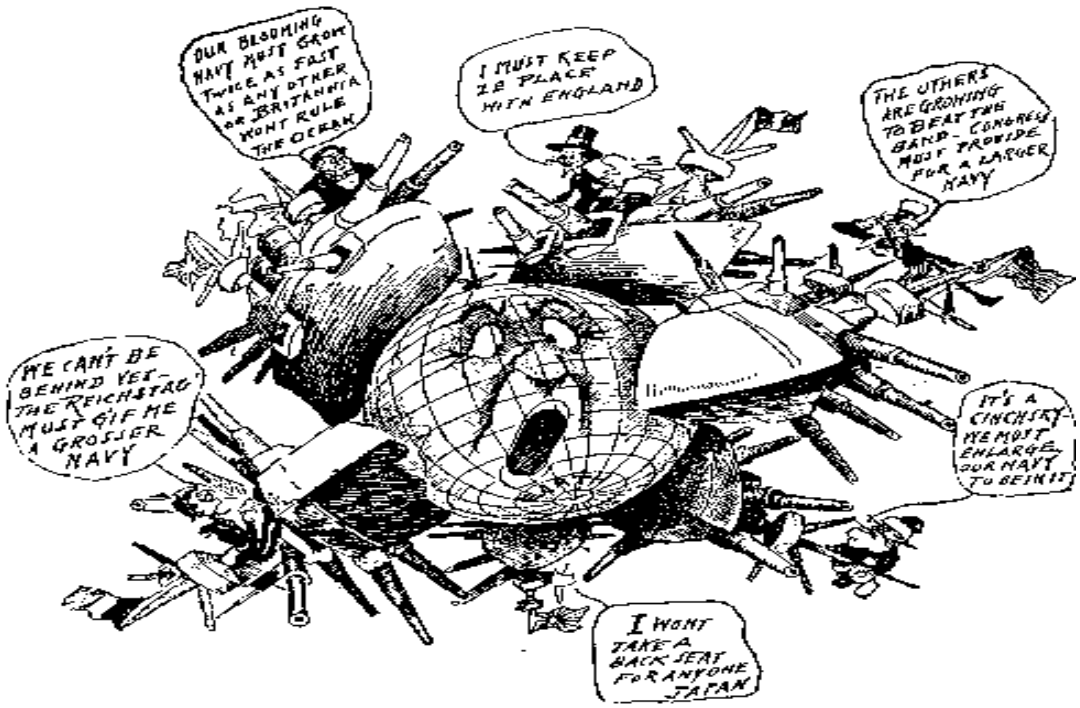
Students work in small groups to analyze political cartoons to determine the causes of World War I.

Each group can receive a copy of all of the political cartoons to analyze or groups can analyze one political cartoon and then group members can share their analysis.

Do not have students answer the question with the asterisk (*) when answering the other questions. Students should analyze the cartoons. The teacher should then introduce the “MAIN” causes of World War I. After introducing the “MAIN” causes, have students go back and answer the question with an asterisk for each political cartoon.

Causes of World War I Activity: Political Cartoon A





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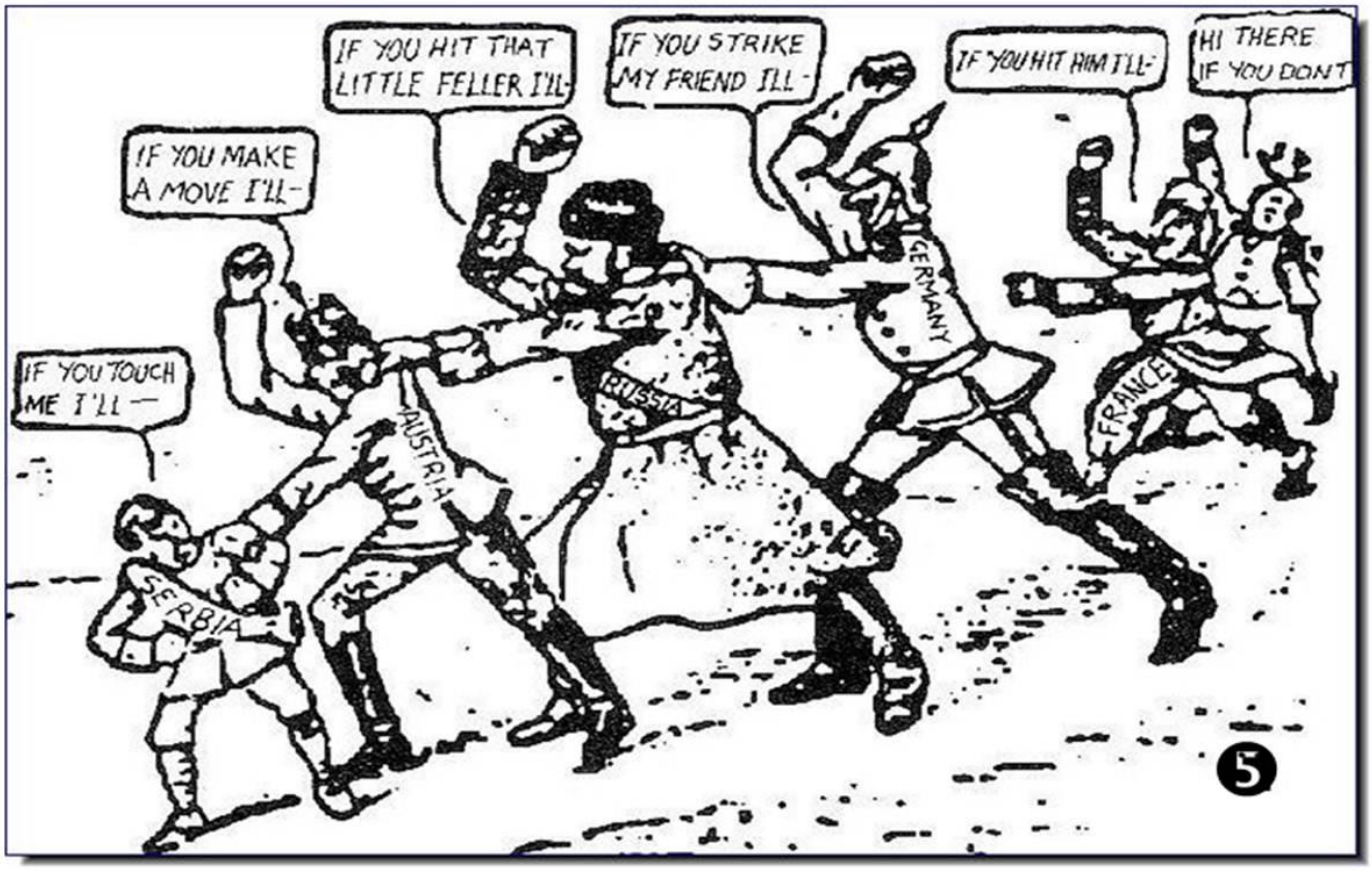

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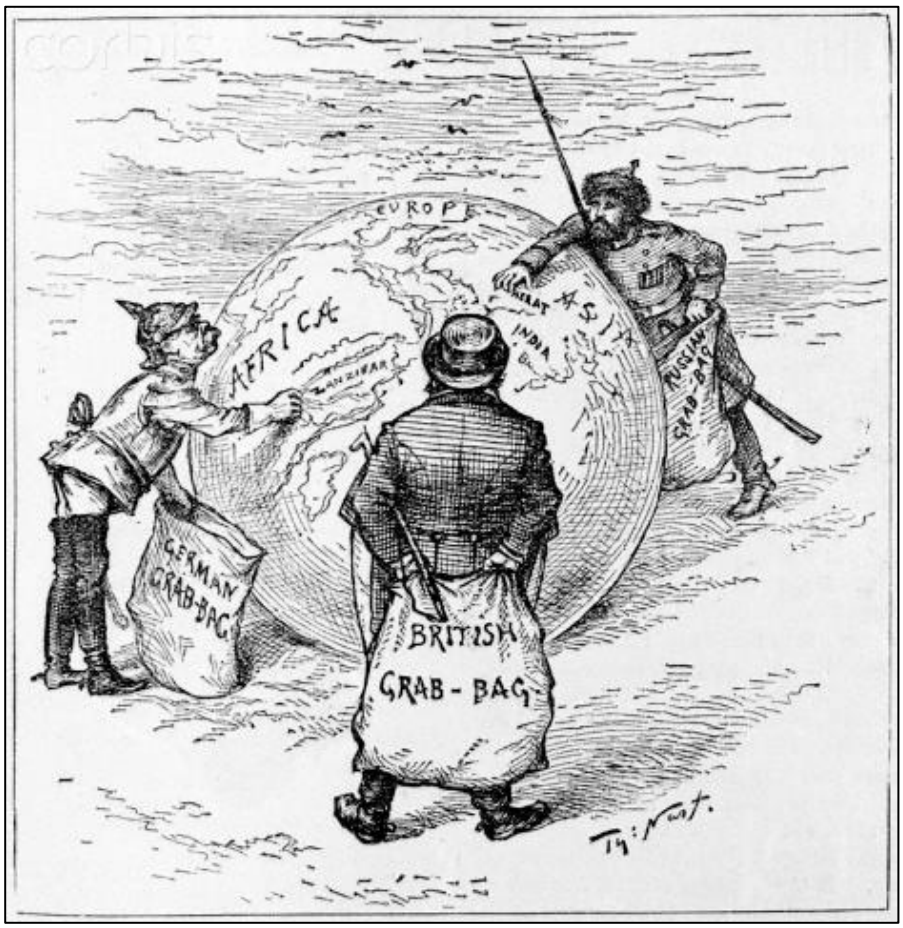

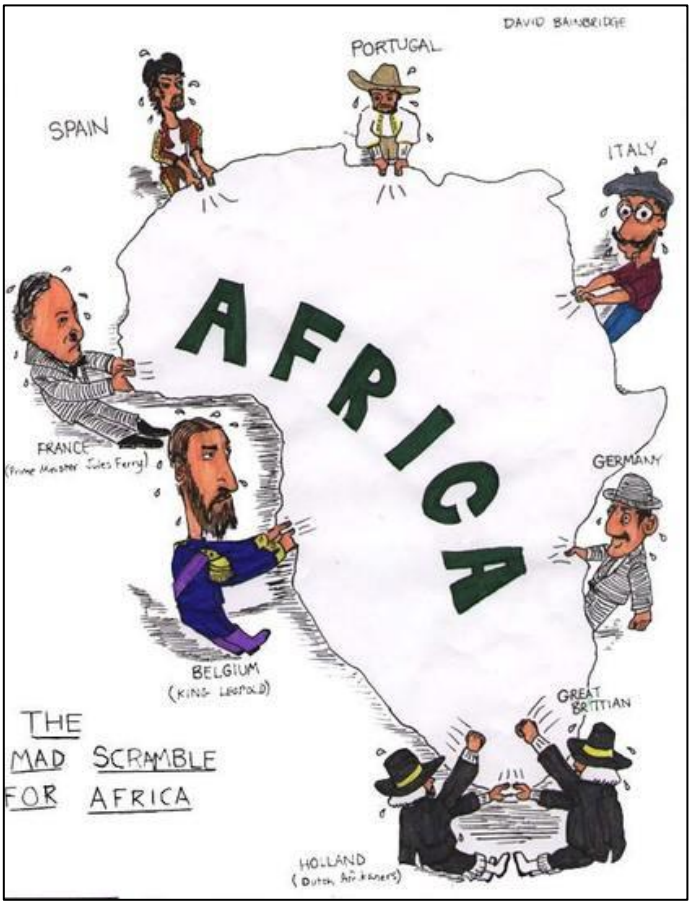

Causes of World War I Activity: Political Cartoon D

Causes of World War I Activity Name_____ Date _____ Period ___

Political Cartoon _____

Description of the cartoon(s) _____

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What concept do you think the cartoon is about? _____

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*Which MAIN cause does this political cartoon illustrate? Why? _____

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Political Cartoon _____

Description of the cartoon(s) _____

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What concept do you think the cartoon is about? _____

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*Which MAIN cause does this political cartoon illustrate? Why? _____

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Political Cartoon _____

Description of the cartoon(s) _____

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What concept do you think the cartoon is about? _____

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*Which MAIN cause does this political cartoon illustrate? Why? _____

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Political Cartoon _____

Description of the cartoon(s) _____

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What concept do you think the cartoon is about? _____

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*Which MAIN cause does this political cartoon illustrate? Why? _____

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