MacArthur Memorial Education Programs

The Road to War Viewing Exercise

Directions:
Complete the statements and questions below as you view the video The Road to War.

1. Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany, King George V of England, and Tsar Nicholas II of Russia are all
   a. brothers
   b. cousins
   c. friends

2. Historians point to the following as the main causes of World War I: the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the forces of nationalism, ___________________________, the _______________________ system of Europe, and failure of _______________________ to avert war.

3. In 1914, all of the following countries were located in the Balkans except
   a. Serbia
   b. Bulgaria
   c. Austria-Hungary

4. Which two men worked to unite Germany in 1870?
   b. King George V and Kaiser Wilhelm II
   c. Otto von Bismarck and Franz Ferdinand

5. By 1914 Europe is divided into two armed camps. The Triple alliance of ____________________, ____________________, and ____________________ and the Triple entente of ____________________, ____________________, and ____________________.

6. Who does Austria-Hungary blame for the assassination of Franz Ferdinand?
   a. Germany
   b. Serbia
   c. Russia

7. After refusing to comply with Austria-Hungary’s ultimatum, Serbia seeks support from _______________________ in preparation for war.
8. War begins when ________________ ships shell ______________, Serbia’s capital.

9. In order to win a two front war, Germany plans to first defeat
   a. Russia
   b. France
   c. Serbia

10. In order to attack France, Germany invades neutral _________________.
    This act brings ______________________ into the war on the side of the
    _________________________.

11. The war begins in August 1914. Most of those involved believe it will be over by _________________.

12. What do you think Sir Edward Grey means when he says: “The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our time.”