Causes of War

Use the technology at your disposal to answer the following. Remember to refer to the search aids on the library web site to help you improve your “google-fu”. Go to the weebly if you forget how to locate these helpful aids on our library site of the school web page. Put yourselves in groups of 4 to work on this online collaboratively with the technology at your disposal.

1) Define nationalism and explain how it caused the world to go to war in 1914. What makes Britain and Germany good examples of countries that could be used to help define nationalism? Explain what makes the Black Hand a nationalist organization and how was it responsible for the war?

2) Explain what militarism is? Name two countries that were engaged in this and provide statistics to support your answer. How are militarism and nationalism connected in explaining how the war began?

3) How are imperialism and colonialism different? Where were the European powers engaged in imperialism and how could this, along with militarism, and nationalism be seen as a cause of war in 1914?

4) Explain what the powers of Europe had done in an effort to ensure that they would not go to war. How exactly did it work and how did it end up doing the opposite of what it was supposed to do?

5) Research for the ultimatum that Austria sent to Serbia as well as Serbia’s response and write down what part of the ultimatum Serbia disagreed with. There were a list of demands, which one did Serbia say, “no”, to? Why do you think they would say no? In your opinion was this a good reason for Austria to go to war or do you think they were just, “looking for a fight”? Defend your answer...simply saying, “yes” or “no” doesn’t suffice in 10 Academic courses any more.