

7 Global conflict: causes and total war

– Part 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English

Write it 3 times (English)

flawed alliance sys-
tem

total war

Recall

- You know an alliance can turn a local quarrel into a large one.
- You have seen a poster designed to change how people behave.
- You know a war can require the whole country.

New ideas

Read these first. Each idea has a short worked example. Then do the Practice below.

■ 1 Causes that combine

The First World War's causes were imperialist expansion and competition for resources, territorial and regional conflicts, a **flawed alliance system** and intense nationalism, **combined** to escalate tensions into global conflict.

Worked example. The alliance system converted a regional conflict into a global one - a mechanism of escalation.

■ 2 Total war

The First World War was the first **total war**. Governments used propaganda, art, media and intensified nationalism to mobilise populations at home **and in the colonies**.

Worked example. Mobilisation reached across empires, which is part of why the war is global beyond its battlefields.

■ 3 The second war's causes

The peace settlement's unsustainability, the Depression, continued imperialist aspirations, and **especially** the rise of fascist and totalitarian regimes. The CED ranks one cause above the others.

Worked example. Reproducing the ranking is reproducing the source's own argument.

Watch out: The CED rarely ranks its causes. When it writes “especially”, that weighting is part of the claim and dropping it loses the argument.

Practice

2.1 Name the four causes of the First World War. [2]

2.2 Explain what the alliance system did to the conflict. [2]

2.3 Name the four mobilisation strategies and state who was mobilised. [3]

2.4 State which cause of the Second World War the CED emphasises and how. [2]
