

## Alliance Systems: 1870 – 1914

Answer questions 1 through 6 on a separate paper. Carefully read and follow the directions for question 7.

1. Regarding alliances, what were Bismarck's two main goals?
2. As the leader of the German nation what were the major goals of Wilhelm II?
3. How did the dismissal of Bismarck (the dropping of the pilot) change the future of Europe?
4. Ultimately, what two alliance systems emerged among European nations? What countries were in each alliance system?
5. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each system. Include geographical, political and diplomatic conditions.
6. Summarize the causes for this new system of alliances in Europe.
7. Draw cartoons, diagrams or pictures in the first and last boxes to complete the sequence below. Your images need to accurately convey differences before and after the event portrayed in the cartoon in the center box. Be sure to add a title or caption. Summarize your visual explaining the sequence of events and ramifications for the security of Europe from 1870 to 1914.



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Summary: