**World War I Mini Essay**

As we progress through World War I, it is important to understand why the war occurred. The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate your understanding as to why the war occurred and develop your writing skills as you progress into your senior years.

**Procedure:**

1. This is an individual assignment. You are NOT permitted to work in pairs or groups.
2. This assignment is expected to be 2 pages and double-spaced. This assignment must be typed.
3. We have discussed the 5 main causes of World War I. Your goal is to write a persuasive essay outlining which of the 5 causes you believe to be the biggest contributor to World War I occurring.
4. Remember the acronym we discussed when doing this assignment. “M.A.N.I.A”
   1. Militarism
   2. Alliances
   3. Nationalism
   4. Imperialism
   5. Assassination of Franz Ferdinand
5. Your assignment should have both an introduction and a conclusion. This means that I expect a clear thesis that outlines your arguments.
6. Do NOT pick two or more of the aforementioned five.
7. Follow the “University Paper” handout that was distributed to help you create a formal paper.
8. You are expected to cite all work in APA format. Any plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic 0.
9. This assignment will be due

**Evaluation**

Content /15

* Accuracy, Evidence and Argument
* Introduction (Thesis) and Conclusion

Mechanics /3

* Spelling, Grammar and Flow

Citations /2

Overall /20