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- **Setting the Stage: Notes**
- **MAIN: The Causes of WWI**

# Setting the Stage, Europe during the 1800s:

- **Industrial Revolution is making nations wealthy, but also creating resentment among the working class with the introduction of philosophies like socialism**
- **Nationalism creates new powerful nations, like Italy and Germany, but it also makes empires like Austria-Hungary weaker as ethnicities within the empire fight for their own nations**
- **Imperialism of Asia and Africa increases the size of several European nations**
- **To protect their empires, the powerful nations of Europe build up their military power by drafting millions of soldiers and updating weapons with the latest technology**
- **Although competition between European nations is fierce, a series of alliances between the major powers is used to maintain a balance of power**

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