

International Anarchy and the Causes of World War I (30 Points)

After having read text pages 677 to 687, and after having read the selections by A.J.P. Taylor (*The Struggle for Mastery in Europe*) and Roland Stromberg (*The Origins of World War 1: Militant Patriotism*) compose an essay which evaluates Taylor and Stromberg's assertions regarding the causes of World War I.

It will be necessary to do the following:

1. discuss what the text book means by "international anarchy;"
 - a. characteristics
 - b. conditions
 - c. manifestations
 - d. examples
2. identify Taylor's main point and evidence he uses to make his assertion; and
3. identify Stromberg's main point and the evidence he uses to make his assertion.

Essentially, your essay will need to discuss the relationship between what each historian asserts and whether or not their reasons for why the war occurred accurately reflects what the text book says about international anarchy. Basically, which historian's perspective would be most supported by the ideas and evidence presented in the text. Look for the ways Taylor and Stromberg differ. However, the smart historian will also contemplate how they are similar.