**Outline**

Topic #2: Origins of Major Power Wars

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**Origins of Major Power Wars**

**Introduction**

* In the 1900s, the British, Germans, French, and Russia were major powers (Lecture Notes, p. 4). They acquired this name as a result of their military, economic and political supremacy worldwide (Fromkin, 2005).

**World War I (WWI)**

**Background Information**

* World War I is one of the most recognized wars in Europe. This war occurred between the years 1914 and 1918.

**Origins of World War I**

* The first cause of the First World War was militarism. As major powers entered the early 1900s, an arms race had already started in Europe.
* The other aspect which led to this war was alliances and politics. In the years before WWI, European countries were quickly forming alliances and extending their power.
* Apart from alliances, imperialism triggered World War I. In the years before the war, the British, French, and Germans were great enemies in the economic exploitation of the Africans' colonizing.
* However, in the East, Balkans faced hurdles with the nations and groups which opposed Austrian control.
* After the death of Archduke, Austria-Hungary administrators observed the assassination as a direct attack on their nation.

**World War II**

**Background Information**

* World War II (WWII) was one of the deadliest and biggest wars in Europe's history. About thirty nations were involved in this war.

**Origin of World War II**

* First of all, major powers participated in this war since they felt betrayed by the Treaty of Versailles. As mentioned above, this was a treaty that was signed to end the First World War.

**Conclusion**

* In this deliberation, the origin of major power wars has been explored. The wars whose origins have been traced include World War I and World War II.

**References**