



Did Britain see Germany as a threat?

In the early 1900s, Britain was one of the world's leading powers. Despite this, most British people and politicians recognised that Britain had dangerous rivals. For most of the 1800s, Britain's great rivals were Russia and France. Strangely, by 1907 Britain belonged to an alliance called the Triple Entente with Russia and France and they saw Germany as the main threat. How did this come about?

You will probably find it helpful to study the [Background](#) before you start looking at the sources.

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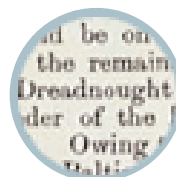
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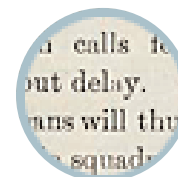
Map of the German Schlieffen Plan, 1905



British Army preparations for war, 1911



British Navy preparations for war, 1911



British document on German naval plans, 1912



Conversation between British and Germans, 1914



Letter on the French viewpoint, 1914