

Questions related to the Right to Make War

1. According to Bernhardi, how strong was public sentiment against war at this time?
2. What are the problems that accompany wars? What kind of wars should be eliminated, and should the suffering that coincides with wars be mitigated?
3. Bernhardi acknowledges that peaceful rivalries may exist between nations. Why then, in his opinion, is war essential for the progress of civilization? Quote the text.
4. According to Bernhardi, what do flourishing nations require because of their growing populations? By what right is this to be acquired?
5. Which later German leader would have agreed with Bernhardi's harsher ideas?
6. What is your reaction to Bernhardi's ideas, and what is your view as to when war is necessary?