

## Chapter Questions for *Guns of August*

### Chapter 1: A Funeral

1. Why was the death of Edward VII significant for Kaiser Wilhelm II? When discussing the Kaiser's view of the late English king, Tuchman attributes terms such as "encircler," "bane," and "arch plotter" to Edward. To what was the author referring? (pp. 1-3)
2. How does Wilhelm describe King George V to Theodore Roosevelt? (pg. 2)
3. Give a brief description of those in attendance at the funeral. What reason does Tuchman give for such an enormous show of international respect for the late king? (pp. 1-6)
4. For what reason did an alliance between Britain and Germany fail to materialize? (pg. 6)
5. What "necessities" did General von Bernhardi identify for Germany in his 1910 book *Germany in the Next War*? (pp 12-13) What, in his view, prevented Germany from attaining her "great moral ends?"