

CAUSES: M.A.A.I.N.

SETUP: There were several causes that had been happening for a while in Europe that pushed Europe to a total and complete war in 1914.

Militarism- many nations were gathering lots of weapons and strengthening their armies. Many generals also started to draw up plans to mobilize their armies quickly for attacks. (Schlieffen Plan)

Alliances- huge problem. Countries were forming friendships and bonds that created a giant mess of Europe with the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance

Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand- this was the CATALYST (spark) that caused the actual fighting

Imperialism- during the race for colonies, Europeans competed furiously and clear rivalries were created between them. Colonies provided money, resources (food/products) and people.

Nationalism- (as a motive of Imperialism and on its own) countries start to think of only their own interests believe and want to prove their country is the best also lead to many mini revolutions in Italy and Germany and Serbia of different ethnic minorities fighting for independence and trying to create their own whole country instead of little city-states.

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Events leading to War:

June 28 1914- **Archduke Ferdinand** is shot in **Sarajevo** by **Garvillo Princip** working with the Black Hand fighting for **Serbian** independence from **Austria-Hungary**

Austria-Hungary wanted to attack **Serbia** in response for the death but they feared **Russia** who was allied with **Serbia**.

AH turns to **Germany** for their support if **Russia** declares war on them.. **germany** says yes.

July 23, 1914- **Austria-Hungary** sends an ultimatum to **Serbia** demanding **Princip** among other things. It is too extreme and **Serbia** does not comply.

July 28 1914- **Austria-Hungary** declares war on **Serbia**

July 29, 1914- **Russia** mobilizes troops to protect **Serbia** but military plans call for an attack on **Germany** as well as **Austria Hungary** so go ahead with their plans.**France** also mobilizes to fight for **Serbia**.

Aug 1 1914- After demanding **Russia** stop, **Germany** declares was on **Russia**. Following their **Schlieffen Plan** which called for fighting on 2 fronts, they mobilize and decide to attack **France** first through **Belgium**, get them out of the way and then focus on the bigger threat, **Russia**.

Aug 3 1914- **Germany** declares war on **France** and demand passage through neutral **Belgium**.

Aug 4 1914- **Great Britain** declares war on **Germany** for entering neutral **Belgium**.

RESULT: WOLRD WAR