

Bellwork

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World War I Begins

LEQ: What political circumstances in Europe led to World War I?

Explain each term and how it could contribute to the start of the war

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| Militarism | |
| Alliance System | |
| Imperialism | |
| Nationalism | |

The Flashpoint of World War I

That spark flared in the Balkan Peninsula, which was known as "the powder keg of Europe." In addition to the ethnic rivalries among the Balkan peoples, Europe's leading powers had interests there. Russia wanted access to the Mediterranean Sea. Germany wanted a rail link to the Ottoman Empire. Austria-Hungary, which had taken control of Bosnia in 1878, accused Serbia of subverting its rule over Bosnia. The "powder keg" was ready to explode.

In June 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, visited the Bosnian capital Sarajevo. As the royal entourage drove through the city, Serbian nationalist Gavrilo Princip stepped from the crowd and shot the Archduke and his wife Sophie. Princip was a member of the Black Hand, an organization promoting Serbian nationalism. The assassinations touched off a diplomatic crisis. On July 28, Austria-Hungary declared what was expected to be a short war against Serbia.


The alliance system pulled one nation after another into the conflict. On August 1, Germany, obligated by treaty to support Austria-Hungary, declared war on Russia. On August 3, Germany declared war on Russia's ally France. After Germany invaded Belgium, Britain declared war on Germany and Austria-Hungary. The Great War had begun.

Explain how the alliance system started World War I

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The Fighting Starts

On August 3, 1914, Germany invaded Belgium, following a strategy known as the Schlieffen Plan. This plan called for a holding action against Russia, combined with a quick drive through Belgium to Paris; after France had fallen, the two German armies would defeat Russia. As German troops swept across Belgium, thousands



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MAIN Causes of World War I

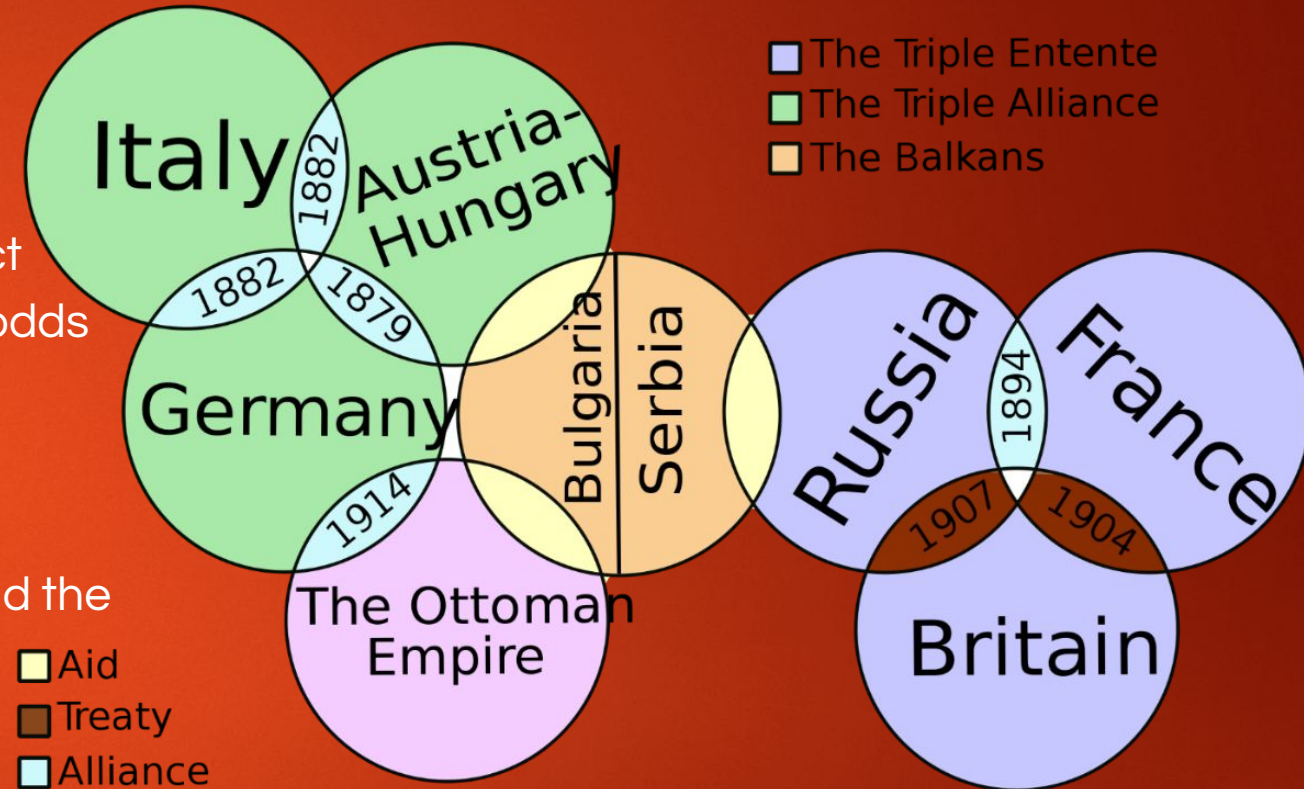


▶ Militarism caused increased military spending to protect these colonies

▶ Alliance systems were created for countries to protect common interests but now put groups of countries at odds with each other

▶ Imperialism caused countries to set up colonies around the world resulting in further competition between nations

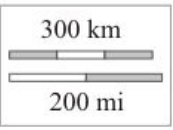
▶ Nationalism, a devotion to the interests and culture of one's nation, led countries to become rivals over territories



The War begins

- ▶ Imperialism in the Balkans led several countries to have conflict there
- ▶ The heir to the Austrian throne went to visit Bosnia and was assassinated
- ▶ This caused Austria to ultimately declare war on the tiny nation of Serbia
- ▶ The Alliance system jumps into action with Russia declaring war on Austria, which causes Germany to declare war on Russia and then France, which causes England to declare war on Germany and Austria





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The Early Fighting

- ▶ Germany started the fighting by holding ground against Russia while invading Belgium
- ▶ Germany's plan is to defeat France quickly and then concentrate on Russia
- ▶ The Allies however stop the German advance into France and begin Trench Warfare
- ▶ Trench warfare was where each side dug a series of trenches to protect themselves from the enemy. This led to horrific casualties and the fighting lasted months without much gain



U.S. Stays Neutral

- ▶ Isolationism: Most Americans saw no reason to join a war that had nothing to do with America
- ▶ Socialists saw the war as a money grab by the big countries at the expense of their colonies
- ▶ Yet many Immigrants watched the war closely as they still had ties back home
- ▶ Also, Many Americans felt close ties with Britain and America had strong economic ties with the Allied powers of Britain and France more than the Central Powers of Germany and Austria



Homework Summary



- ▶ Give 2 reasons why the U.S. should stay out of the war in Europe

- ▶ Give 2 reasons why the United States should get involved in the war in Europe