

World War I Review

The Beginning

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Warm Up

Can you answer the following questions? Jot them down and try to answer them as you take notes on this Powerpoint.

- a. Whose assassination began World War I?
- b. Which European country experienced a revolution in 1917?
- c. How many years did World War I rage before the U.S. entered?
- d. Which treaty ended World War I?

Essential Question

- Why did World War I begin?

The Road to World War I



Triple Alliance

■ Germany

■ Austria-Hungary

■ Italy



Triple Entente

■ Russia

■ France

■ Great Britain

Entente means a diplomatic understanding.



In 1907 France, Russia and Britain formed the Triple Entente. They did not promise to help each other but together they encircled Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Map of Europe 1839-1914

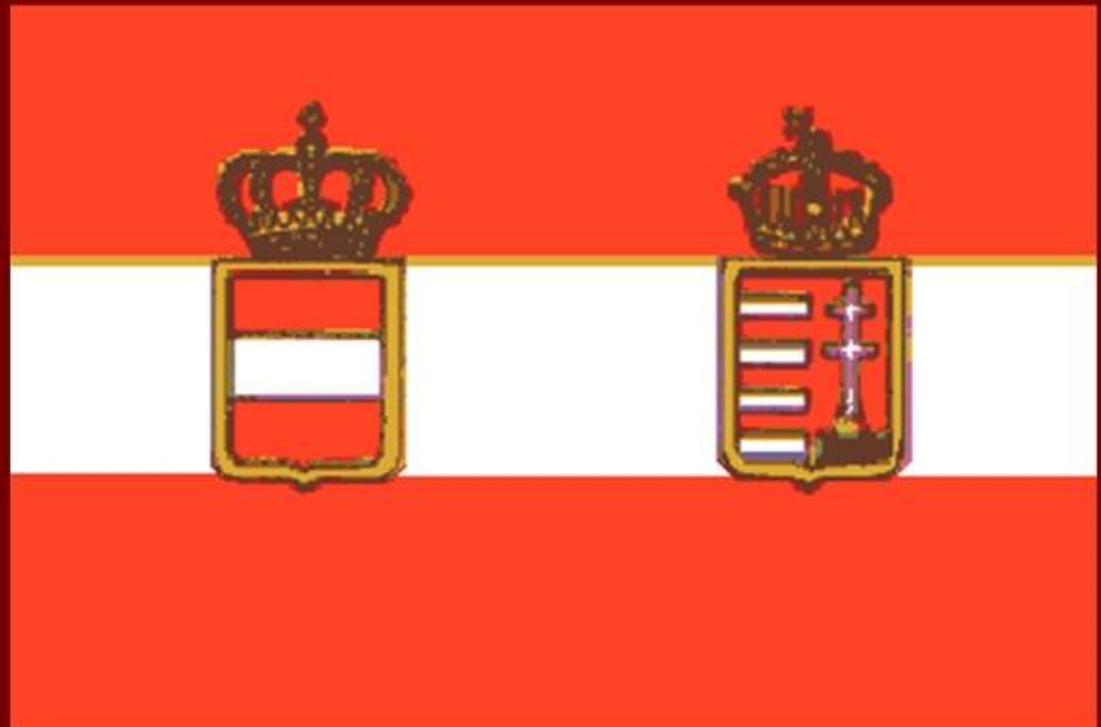
The Balkans

- Groups of People in southeastern Europe wanted to rule themselves
- Nationalism



The Serbian Problem

- Serbia wanted to become its own nation
- Supported by Russia



Assassination

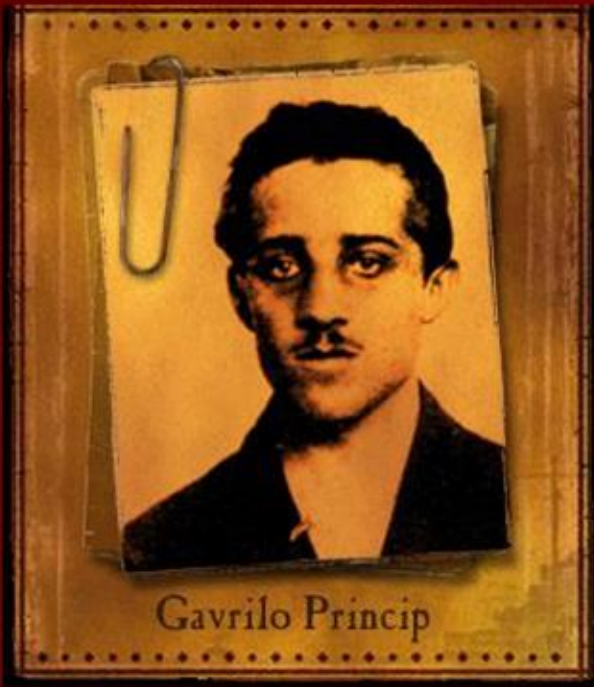
- Summer of 1914
- Archduke Francis Ferdinand (heir to the throne in Austria-Hungary) visited the city of Sarajevo with his wife Sophia



Assassination

- Serbian terrorist group known as the Black Hand

- Serbian Nationalism.



Assassination

- June 28, 1914
- Terrorists threw a bomb at the archduke's car - failed to kill him



Assassination



- Terrorist Gavrilo Princip
- Succeeded in shooting both Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife in their car

Eyewitness to the Assassination

“As the car came abreast, [the assassin] stepped forward from the curb, drew his automatic pistol from his coat and fired two shots. The first struck the wife of the Archduke, the Archduchess Sophia, in the abdomen. She was an expectant mother. She died instantly. The second bullet struck the Archduke close to the heart. He uttered only one word: “Sophia” - a call to his stricken wife. Then his head fell back and he collapsed. He died almost instantly.”

Response of Austria-Hungary

- Declared war on Serbia
- Had the support of Germany (Emperor William II)



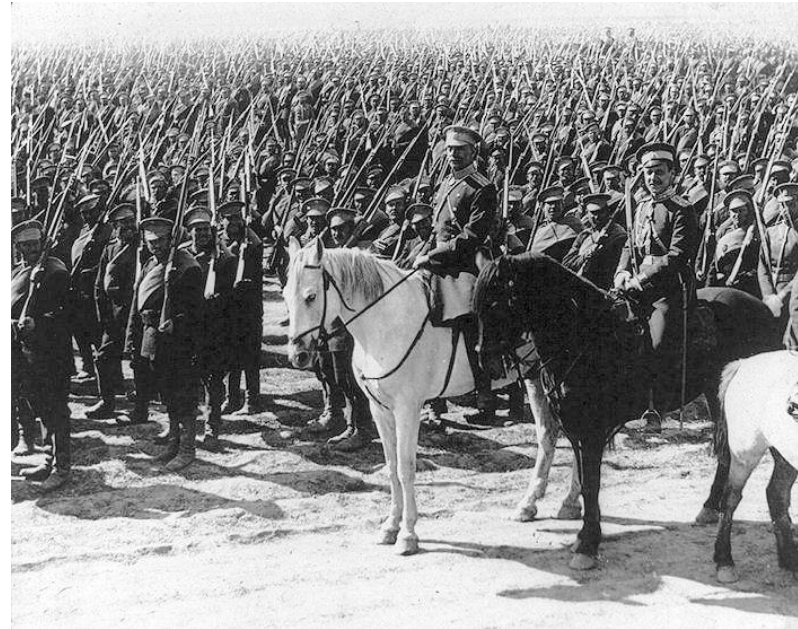
Let's Sum up What we have thus far....

How did Serbian nationalism lead to the outbreak of war?

- Serbian nationalists were determined to create an independent Slavic state that would include parts of Austria-Hungary.
- Austria-Hungary was determined to keep those Slavic lands as part of its empire.
- Serb terrorist assassinated Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Hapsburg throne, and his wife in Sarajevo.
- After Germany promised support, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

Russia's Response

- Russia, led by Czar Nicholas II, ordered the mobilization of its massive army.
- Remember, Serbia was supported by Russia, partly due to their common religious identity – Russian Orthodoxy.



Germany's Response

- Germany declared war on Russia





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World War I Begins



- Germany invaded France by crossing through neutral Belgium
- Great Britain declared war on Germany

Quote - Emperor William II

“Till the world comes to an end the ultimate decision will rest with the sword.”

Two Sides

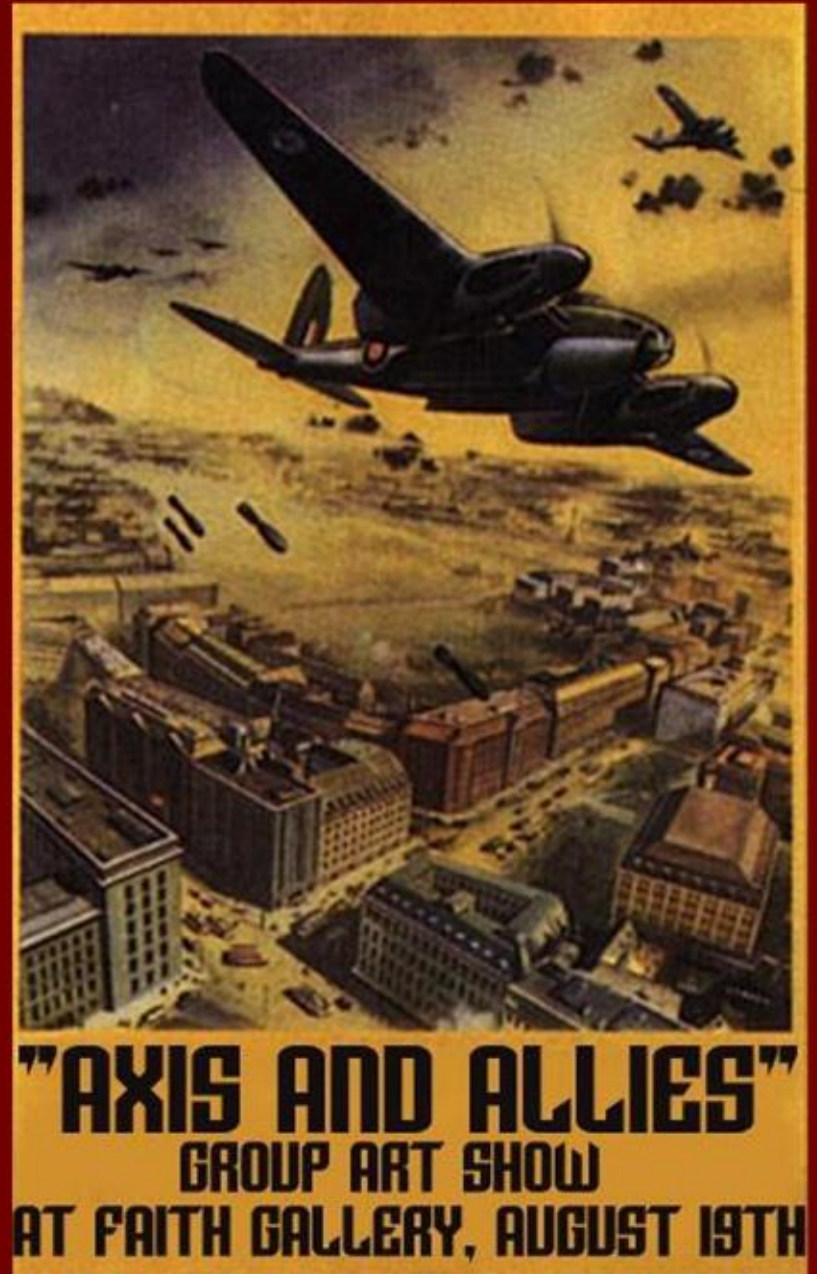


- Allied Powers

- Central Powers

Allies

- England
- France
- Russia
- Italy (after 1945)



Central Powers

- Germany

- Austria-Hungary

- Ottoman Empire

- Bulgaria



- Green box: Allied powers
- Purple box: Central powers
- Yellow box: Neutral nations



The War



German Advance

- Through Belgium into France
- Stopped a short distance from Paris by French army





The German Schlieffen Plan, 1905

Ultimately, a failure.

Battle of the Marne

- Sept. 1914
- Beginning of a stalemate between Germans and French



The Western Front



- Both sides dug ditches protected by barbed wire
- Same positions for four years

The Western Front



Trench Warfare

- Troops lived in trenches dug into the ground
- Separated from each other by a strip of no man's land



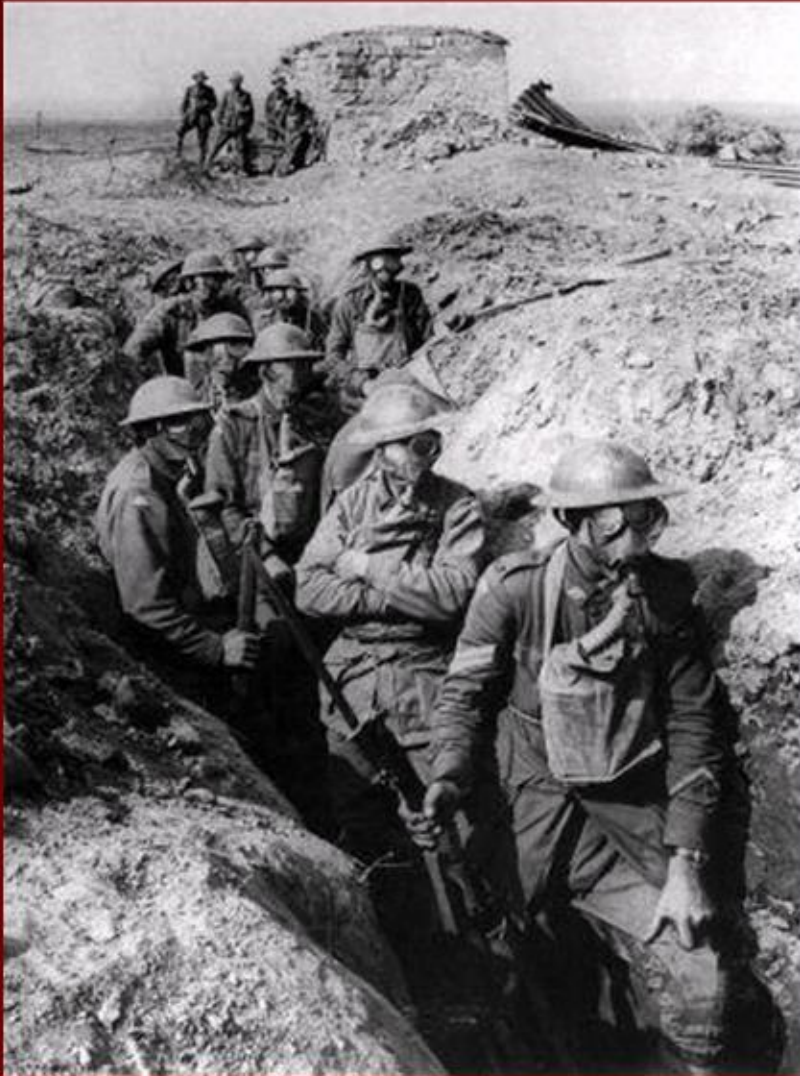


Trench Warfare

- Commanders would send mass armies against the enemy
- Hoped to break through enemy lines



Trench Warfare



- WWI became a war of attrition (wear the other side down by constant attacks and heavy losses)

War in the Air

- First use of airplanes for warfare
- Used to spot enemy positions, attack ground targets





Dogfights

- Machine guns mounted on the noses of planes



Zeppelins

- Germans used giant airships to bomb London and eastern England



WORLD WAR I POWER POINT QUIZ

- Take out a sheet of paper
- At the top write, WORLD WAR I Quiz,
 - Your Name, and
 - Today's Date.
- Using your notes, answer the following questions.

1. The Triple Alliance was between what three powers?
2. The Triple Entente was between what three powers?
3. This region wanted self-rule from the Austria-Hungarian Empire and was supported by Russia.
4. At the war's beginning, the Central Powers were made up of what four nations?
5. The assassination of _____ sparked WWI. He was the heir to what throne?

Pass your quiz to the front. We will continue our exploration of the Great War tomorrow and complete this quiz with, "World War I – The End."