

WWI BEGINS

The start of WWI and U.S.
Involvement

REASON FOR THE WAR

- ◉ There were a combination of causes for World War I
 - Nationalism
 - Imperialism
 - Militarism
 - Alliances

NATIONALISM

- ◉ An intense devotion to the interests and culture of one's nation
- ◉ Created an atmosphere of competition and resentment



NEW COUNTRIES ON THE STAGE



- Germany and Italy were new countries in Europe
 - Germany created in 1871
- Slavic Nationalism or Pan-Slavism
 - They were fighting over territory in Austria-Hungary

IMPERIALISM

- ◉ Many European countries wanted to expand their empire.
- ◉ They fought over territory in Africa



MILITARISM

- ⊙ Arms Race
 - Building of armies
- ⊙ Naval Race
 - Building up of Navies
- ⊙ Schlieffen Plan
 - Germany's plan of attack



ALLIANCES



- ◎ Triple Alliance

- Britain, France, and Russia

- ◎ Triple Entente

- Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy

THE SPARK THAT STARTS THE FIRE

- ◉ Archduke Franz Ferdinand, Austria's Prince, was assassinated in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914
- ◉ Killed by Gavrilo Princip, a Serbian nationalist





GOOD WILL TOUR

Franz and his wife, Sophie, had gone to Sarajevo on a good will tour. They hoped to quiet opposition to Austrian rule.

SERBIA AND THE BLACK HAND

- ◉ Princip was a member of a terrorist group called the Black Hand
- ◉ Wanted Bosnia to be part of Serbia
- ◉ Austria was mad at Serbia over the murder



THE DOMINOS FALL

- ◉ Germany pushed Austria to attack Serbia
- ◉ Russia stood up for Serbia by mobilizing along the border of Germany and Austria
- ◉ Germany declared war on Russia and France and invaded Belgium to get to Paris
- ◉ Great Britain declared war on Germany
- ◉ Russia declared war on Austria
- ◉ Italy and the Ottoman Empire jumped in by late 1914

ROAD TO WAR

- Create a timeline of the events that lead to America entering WWI
 - Your timeline should start on June 28th, 1914 with the assassination of Franz Ferdinand
 - It should end on Nov. 3, 1917 with the death of Enright, Hay, and James Bethel Gresham