

LI: I understand the causes of WWI
Lesson 1

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You will need to watch the video on the following link to find out about the causes of WWI.

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When you are asked to pause, please do so and answer the questions on the next slides. There will be vocabulary and prompts to help. Please ignore the fact it says Year 6, this is the unit you would have completed if we were at school.

Timeline of WWI (1914-1918)

1871	After defeating France , Germany unites into a great empire.
1908	Austria-Hungary annexes Bosnia, upsetting Serbia
28 th June 1914	The prince of Austria-Hungary, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, is assassinated by a Serbian terrorist.
28 th July 1914	Austria- Hungary declares war on Serbia
30 th July 1914	Russia, an ally of Serbia, mobilises its army.
1 st Aug 1914	Germany, an ally of Austria-Hungary, declares war on Russia.
3 rd Aug 1914	Germany declares war on France and invades Belgium.
4 th Aug 1914	Great Britain declares war on Germany.
Sept 1914	Fighting on the Western Front begins.

The Two Sides

The Allied Powers/ Triple Entente	France UK Russia (1914-1917) Italy (1915-1918) USA (1917-1918) and many others
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The Central Powers/ Triple Alliance	Germany Austria-Hungary The Ottoman Empire Bulgaria and others
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Vocabulary

Militarism	Wanting to build large militaries.
Alliances	Agreements between different nations.
Nationalism	Believing that a country is superior (better) than other countries.
Imperialism	A country believing it should be able to rule over other countries.
Assassination	The murder of a prominent person, a political leader or ruler.
The Balkans	Area in the southeast of Europe . Countries including: Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, Kosovo, Romania etc.
Heir	A person who inherits property or position.
Credibility	Being trusted or believed in.
Annexed	Add to one's territory/ land.
Ultimatum	A threat in which a group of people are warned that if they do not do something, something unpleasant will happen to them.

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QUESTION 1

- Why would Prussia building up its empire worry other European countries?

QUESTION 2

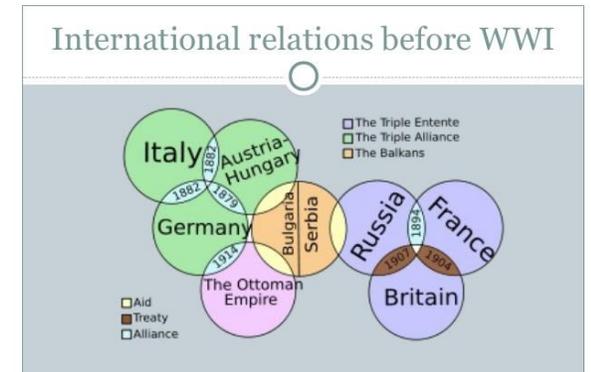
- Why were the relations between France and Prussia (Germany) poor in the late 1800s?

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QUESTION 3

- How could alliances make wars involving many nations more likely?



QUESTION 4

- Why was Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated?

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Draw a timeline and place these events in order.

Austria- Hungary and Germany declare war on Serbia.

Germany issues an ultimatum to Russia.

Germany declares war on Russia.

Austria- Hungary give an ultimatum to Serbia.

France declares war on Germany.

France and Russia make an alliance to support Serbia.

Russia begins to mobilise its army.