

M - Militarism

- Nations in western Europe developed better military technology, because of the Industrial Revolution



Weapons could be mass produced

Why it was a cause of WWI:

- Nations of Europe competed against one another to have the largest and most advanced military

"Arms Race" = nations rapidly built up their military to outmatch other European countries



ex: **"2 power system"** = Great Britain's policy that their navy had to be more powerful than any other 2 nations in the world combined

**** By the time WWI started, Nations were ready to fight against one another**

A - Alliance System

- In the late 1800's nations in Europe agreed to form alliances in order to protect themselves

<p>1879 The Dual Alliance</p> <p>Germany and Austria-Hungary made an alliance to protect themselves from Russia.</p>	<p>1881 Austro-Serbian Alliance</p> <p>Austria-Hungary made an alliance with Serbia to stop Russia gaining control of Serbia.</p>	<p>1882 The Triple Alliance</p> <p>Germany and Austria-Hungary made an alliance with Italy to stop Italy from taking sides with Russia.</p>
<p>1914 Triple Entente (no separate peace)</p> <p>Britain, France and Russia agreed not to sign for peace separately.</p>	<p>1907 Anglo-Russian Entente</p> <p>This was an agreement between Britain and Russia.</p>	<p>1894 Franco-Russian Alliance</p> <p>Russia formed an alliance with France to protect herself against Germany and Austria-Hungary.</p>
<p>1907 Triple Entente</p> <p>This was made between Russia, France and Britain to counter the increasing threat from Germany.</p>	<p>1907 Anglo-Russian Entente</p> <p>This was an agreement between Britain and Russia.</p>	<p>1904 Entente Cordiale</p> <p>This was an agreement, but not a formal alliance, between France and Britain.</p>

Why it was a cause of WWI:

- If one nation in Europe declares war on another, the conflict drags all of Europe into war

Major Alliances of WWI

Triple Entente

- England
- France
- Russia

Later on...

- Italy
- United States



Triple Alliance

- Germany
- Austria-Hungary
- (originally) Italy

Later on...

- Ottoman Empire

N - Nationalism

Why it was a cause of WWI:

1. Competition between nations for:

- resources and markets
- Industrial supremacy



2. "Alsace-Lorraine"

- Area between France and Germany that France lost during the Franco-Prussian War



3. Nationalism of the "Balkans"

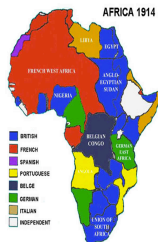
- many different ethnic groups competed against one another for control of the region
- aka the "**POWDER KEG OF EUROPE**"

I - Imperialism

Why it was a cause of WWI:

- Quest to gain colonies sometimes would put European nations on the brink of war with each other

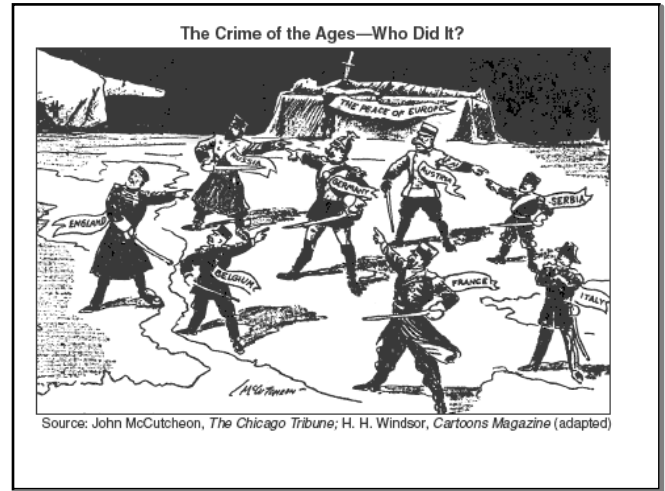
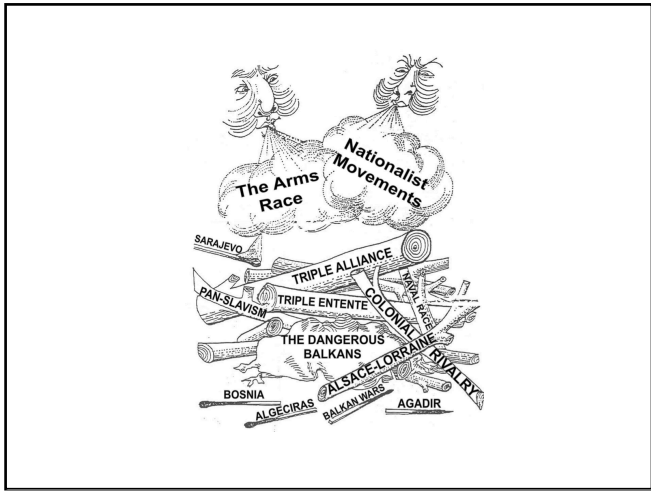
(i.e. Morocco, Boer War, Crimean War)



A - Assassination of Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand

- Took place in Sarajevo, Bosnia (located in the Balkans)
- Franz Ferdinand = Prince of the Austro-Hungarian Empire
- Shot by *Gavrilo Princip*, a member of the "**Black Hand**"
- "**Black Hand**" = terrorist group from Serbia; their main goal was get rid of Austrian rule over Bosnia





Source: John McCutcheon, *The Chicago Tribune*; H. H. Windsor, *Cartoons Magazine* (adapted)

Guns of August

Nephews:

- German Emperor Wilhelm II
- Tsar Nicholas II of Russia
- Grand Duke Ernest Louis of Hesse
- Duke Charles Edward of Saxe-Coburg

Brothers-in-laws

- King George I of Greece
- King Frederick VIII of Denmark

Nieces

- Queen Victoria Eugenia of Spain
- Crown Princess Margaret of Sweden
- Crown Princess Marie of Romania
- Crown Princess Sophia of Greece
- Empress Alexandra Feodorovna of Russia



Edward VII -- "Uncle of Europe"
died May 1910