

## Knowledge Organiser: Why did the First World War start in 1914?

This chapter investigates the reasons for the first ever 'world war', and the reasons why it began in 1914.		<b>Chronology: what happened on these dates?</b>		<b>Vocabulary: define these words.</b>			
		<b>1870–71</b>	The Franco-Prussian War. Victory led to the creation of the German Empire.	<b>Prussia</b>	The largest German state on the southeast coast of the Baltic Sea.		
<b>Summarise your learning</b>		<b>1906</b>	HMS <i>Dreadnought</i> launched, changing the nature of naval warfare	<b>Tension</b>	A feeling of fear or anger between two countries who do not trust each other.		
<b>Topic 1:</b> Why did the First World War start in 1914?	The tensions that fuelled the war had been building between European countries since the creation of a united Germany in 1871.	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June 1914</b>	Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by Bosnian-Serb nationalists.				
<b>Topic 2:</b> Who was to blame for starting the war?	Historians have argued for many years about which country was to blame – there are many different possible causes and explanations.			<b>Empire</b>	A group of countries ruled by a single country.		
<b>Causes of the First World War:</b>  Military Empires Alliances Nationalism Shooting		<b>Who or what were these people/events?</b>		<b>Militarism</b>	The belief that it is necessary to have strong armed forces and that they should be used in order to gain power.		
		<b>Alfred von Schlieffen</b>	Chancellor Bismarck engineered the creation of a unified German nation.	<b>Navy</b>	The part of a country's armed forces that is trained to operate at sea.		
		<b>Otto von Bismarck</b>	Chancellor Bismarck engineered the creation of a unified German nation.	<b>Alliances</b>	An agreement between countries that benefits each of them.		
		<b>Wilhelm I</b>	When the German states were united in 1871, Wilhelm became German emperor.	<b>Nationalism</b>	A nation's wish and attempt to be politically independent OR a great love of your own country.		
		<b>The Black Hand</b>	A secret society of Serbs dedicated to unite all Serbs in the Balkans.	<b>Assassination</b>	The planned murder of an important person.		
		<b>Archduke Franz Ferdinand</b>	Heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, assassinated by Gavrilo Princip in 1914.	<b>Balkans</b>	A region in south eastern Europe.		
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