

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.		Chronology: what happened on these dates?		Vocabulary: define these words.	
		1870–71	The Franco-Prussian War. Victory led to the creation of the German Empire.	Prussia	The largest German state on the southeast coast of the Baltic Sea.
Summarise your learning		1906	HMS <i>Dreadnought</i> launched, changing the nature of naval warfare	Rivalries	A situation in which countries compete against each other for the same thing.
Topic 1: 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.	28 th June 1914	Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by Bosnian-Serb nationalists.	Tension	A feeling of fear or anger between two countries who do not trust each other.
Topic 2: 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.			Empire	A group of countries ruled by a single country.
				Militarism	The belief that it is necessary to have strong armed forces and that they should be used in order to gain power.
Navy	The part of a country's armed forces that is trained to operate at sea.				
Causes of the First World War:		Who or what were these people/events?		Alliances	An agreement between countries that benefits each of them.
Military Empires Alliances Nationalism Shooting		Otto von Bismarck	Chancellor Bismarck engineered the creation of a unified German nation.	Nationalism	A nation's wish and attempt to be politically independent OR a great love of your own country.
		Alfred von Schlieffen	Schlieffen developed a plan in 1897 in which Germany would attack and defeat France quickly, and then fight Russia.	Assassination	The planned murder of an important person.
		Wilhelm I	When the German states were united in 1871, Wilhelm became German emperor.	Balkans	A region in south eastern Europe.
		The Black Hand	A secret society of Serbs dedicated to unite all Serbs in the Balkans.	Causation	Understanding the different causes of an event.
		Archduke Franz Ferdinand	Heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, assassinated by Gavrilo Princip in 1914.		