



The Great War, The War to End All Wars, World War I

CAUSES, BATTLES, LIFE AT HOME, AND THE
CONSEQUENCES OF WAR

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Marching Toward War

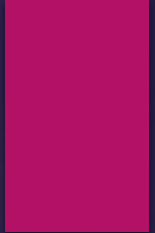
- ▶ The long-term causes of World War I:
 - ▶ M – militarism
 - ▶ A – alliances
 - ▶ I – imperialism
 - ▶ N – nationalism
- ▶ Immediate cause of war:
 - ▶ Crisis in the Balkans
 - ▶ Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand

M.A.I.N. MILITARISM

- ▶ Having a large and strong standing army
- ▶ Generals developed detailed plans for mobilization
- ▶ Otto von Bismarck of Germany
 - ▶ “Blood and Iron” Chancellor
 - ▶ Built up navy and army
 - ▶ Aimed to increase Germany’s power



M.A.I.N



- ▶ **Alliances:** an agreement between countries that states they will assist one another in a time of conflict
 - ▶ If one country declared war, their ally had to declare war
- ▶ Result of mistrust and rivalry between nations



M.A.I.N. Alliances

- ▶ Designed to keep peace, but instead it would push the continent to war
- ▶ Triple Alliance
 - ▶ Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Ottoman Empire
- ▶ Triple Entente
 - ▶ Great Britain
 - ▶ Russia
 - ▶ France

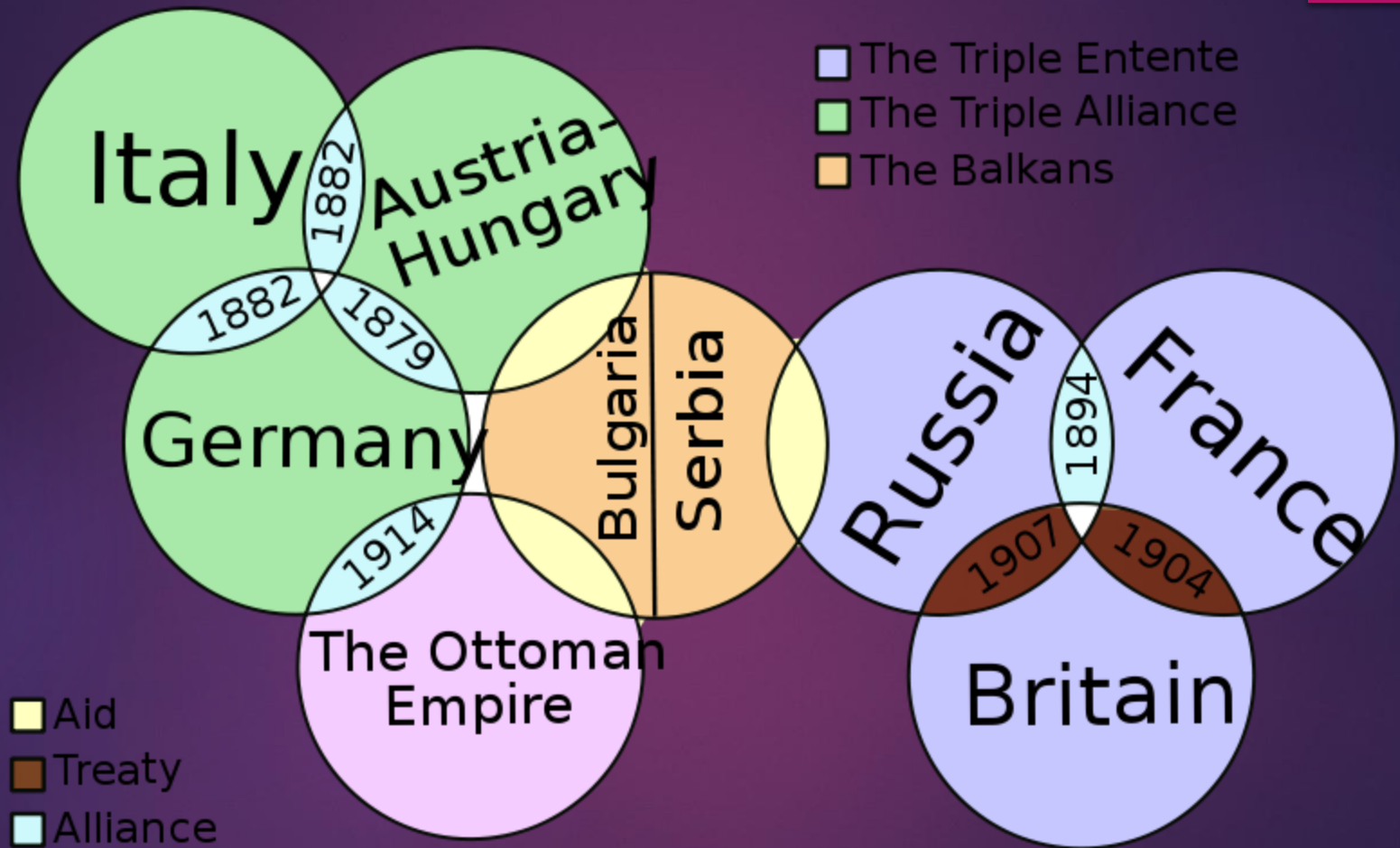


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German Alliances

- ▶ Main goal was to isolate France
- ▶ Prevent two-front war
- ▶ Allied with Austria-Hungary and Ottoman Empire
- ▶ Called the **Triple Alliance**





Pre- War Alliances



M.A.I.N. Imperialism

- ▶ Quest for colonies fueled competition
- ▶ Sense of rivalry and mistrust deepened
- ▶ Encouraged militarism
- ▶ Increased tensions

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Nationalism

- ▶ Caused intense competition among nations
 - ▶ Germany, Austria-Hungary, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, and France
- ▶ Balkan Region
 - ▶ Russia and Austria-Hungary both wanted to dominate the region
 - ▶ Intense nationalism of Serbs, Bulgarians, Romanians, and other ethnic groups led to demands for independence

Crisis in the Balkans

- ▶ “Powder keg” of Europe
- ▶ Nationalism caused many nations to want to expand its borders
- ▶ 1908, Austria annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - ▶ Area had a large Slavic population
 - ▶ Serbia sought to rule these provinces (similar ethnicity)
- ▶ June 28, 1914 Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife are assassinated...



The Balkan Peninsula, 1914



Shot Rings Throughout Europe

- ▶ The assassin was a Serbian
- ▶ Austria presented Serbia with an ultimatum
- ▶ Serbia agreed to most of the demands, but not all of them
- ▶ Austria then declares war on Serbia
- ▶ Russia, an ally of Serbia, declares war on Austria
- ▶ Germany declared war on Russia
- ▶ Then, Germany declared war on France



Assassination

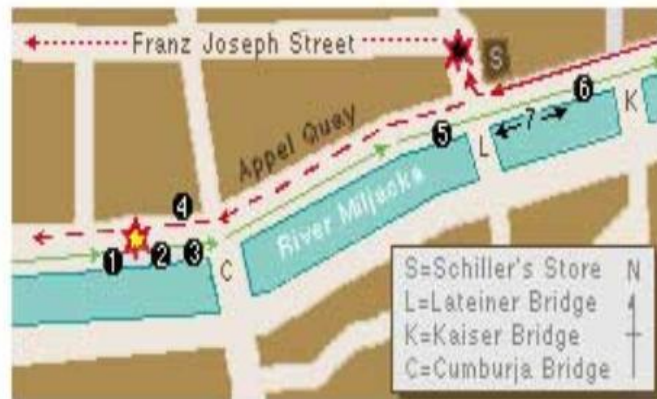
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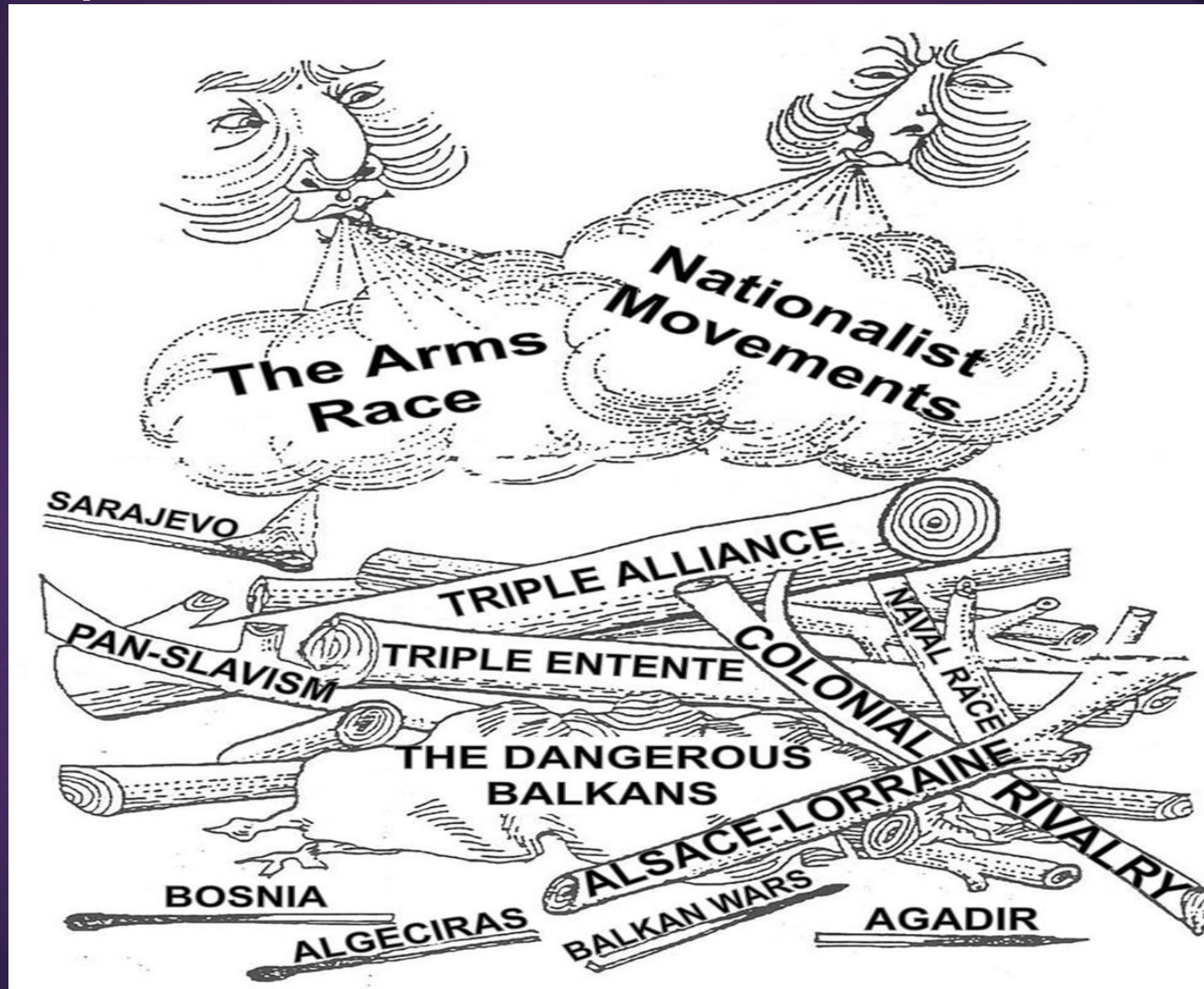
Leaving City Hall, June 28, 1914

Positions of Sarajevo Assassins

- ① = Mehmedbašić ★ = Čabrinović's Bomb
- ② = Čabrinović ★ = Princip's Shots
- ③ = Čubrilović → = Route to City Hall
- ④ = Popović +---+ = Original Return Route
- ⑤ = Princip +---+ = Altered Return Route
- ⑥ = Grabež
- 7 = Ilić, no fixed position



Why?????



Archduke
and his wife
are killed by
Serbian
nationalists
June 28,
1914



Austria
declares
war on
Serbia



Russia
declares war
on Austria
due to
alliance
with Serbia



Germany
declares war
on Russia
due to
alliance
with Austria



France
declares war
on Germany
and Austria
due to
alliance with
Russia



Germany
declares
war on
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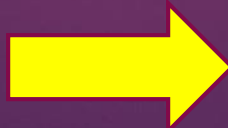
Great Britain declares war on Germany due to alliance with France



Countries in British Commonwealth join the war effort (Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and India)



Germany invades Belgium and moves to attack France (Western Front)



Germans and Austrians fight off advancing Russians on the Eastern Front



The Crime of the Ages—Who Did It?

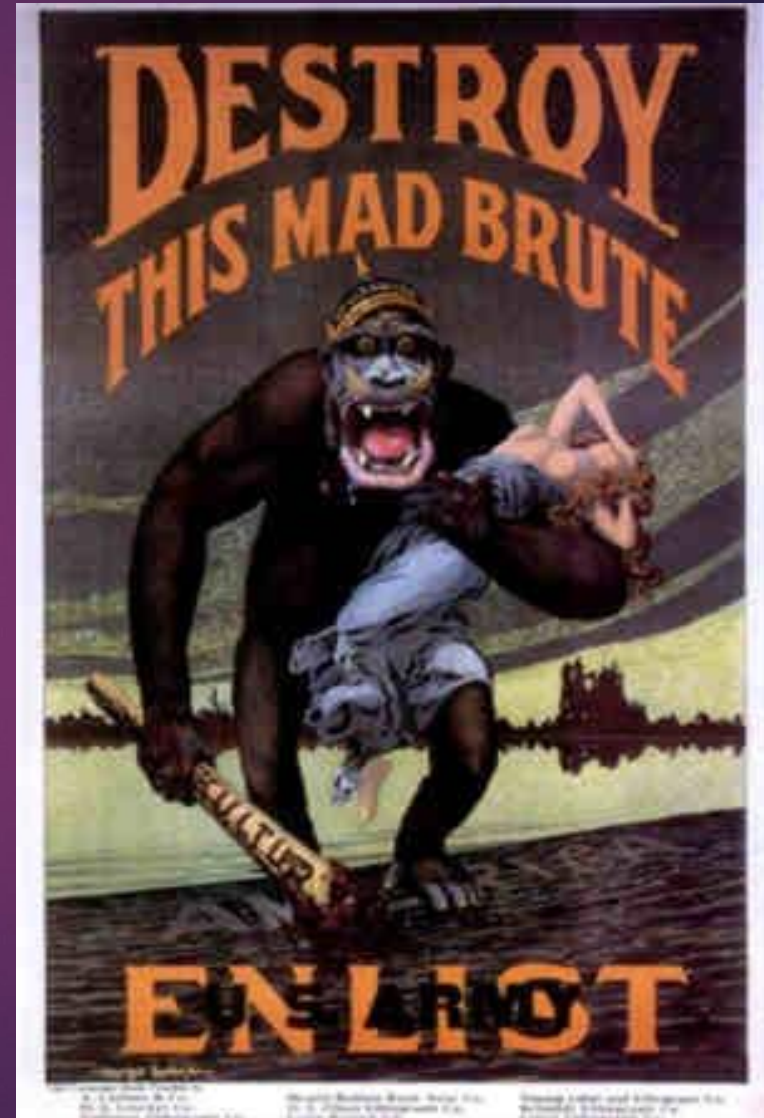


Source: John McCutcheon, *The Chicago Tribune*; H. H. Windsor, *Cartoons Magazine* (adapted)

And so, the Great War begins...

- ▶ Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire)
- ▶ Allied Powers (France, Great Britain, Russia)
- ▶ War started late summer
 - ▶ Everyone expected to be home by Christmas
 - ▶ Millions of soldiers enlisted

World War I Posters



Now it's your turn, create your own military poster...

- ▶ Create a military poster to persuade others to join the war effort
- ▶ Your poster can be from the perspective of any warring nations
- ▶ Be creative and have fun the activity
- ▶ Turn it in; the best posters will be displayed around the classroom