

- UNDERLYING CAUSES:

- **Alliances**

- **Three Emperor's League**
 - 1873
 - Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary
 - Internal tensions between Russia and A-H
- **Dual Alliance**
 - 1879
 - To prevent Russian spread in the Balkan region
 - **Germany** and **Austria-Hungary**
- **Triple Alliance**
 - **Germany** and **Austria-Hungary**
 - **Italy** joined in 1882
 - Aimed primarily against Russia
 - "Central Powers"
- **Dual Alliance of France and Russia**
 - 1882, formally accepted in 1884
 - **Russia, France**
 - Against Germany and its allies
 - Would force Germany to go to war on two fronts
 - Ended France's diplomatic isolation
- **Reinsurance Treaty**
 - 1887
 - **Russia, Germany**
 - After Russia backed out of 3 Emperor's league
- **Anglo-Japanese Alliance**
 - 1902
 - To stop spread of Russia
- **Entente Cordial**
 - 1904
 - "Friendly agreement" between **Britain and France**
 - Reasons for why Britain joined:
 - Lost all friends after Boer War
 - Poor international efforts w/ other nations
 - Germany's influence over the Ottoman Empire
 - ◆ Germany could move troops more quickly by land than Britain could by ship
 - Recognized each others colonial possessions
- **Triple Entente**
 - 1905

- **Russia, Britain, France**
- Against Triple Alliance

- Militarism

- Arms build up
 - Huge standing armies
 - Stockpiling weapons
 - Financial burden
 - Produced more suspicion, fear, and hatred
 - Vicious cycle of arms competitions
- Powerful military class
 - War = quick promotion and distinction
 - National honor
 - Duty to be ready at moment's notice
- War was inevitable

- Imperialism

- "The fine art of conquering the world"
- International conflicts
 - Fashoda Incident
 - Boer War
 - Moroccan Crisis

- Nationalism

- Aggressive
 - Loving own country, but...
 - Hating the other countries
- Examples
 - Pan-Germanism
 - Pan-Slavism
 - Ravanche
 - For the Franco-Prussian War
- Desire to hold crumbling empires together
 - Ottoman Empire
 - A-H
- Desire to prevent others from getting ahead

- Newspaper Press

- Media inflamed nationalistic feeling
- Misrepresentation
- Jingoism
 - Made war look good
- Hawkish
- PROPAGANDA

- Immediate Cause

- Assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand (heir to Austrian throne)
 - Sarajevo, **Bosnia**
- Austria blamed Serbia and issued ultimatum (take it or leave it)
 - "Blank Check"
 - Germany said they would back Austria no matter what

- Serbia rejected ultimatum