

# REASONS FOR WAR

World War 1 was a military conflict lasting from 1914 to 1918 which involved nearly all the biggest powers of the world. It involved two opposing alliances - the Allies and the Central Powers. An alliance is an agreement made between two or more countries to give each other help if it is needed. Once an alliance is made, countries have no choice but to go to war if one of their alliances is attacked. Some of the countries of the **Allies** included Russia, France, Britain, Italy, United States, Serbia, Belgium, Greece, Portugal and Montenegro. The countries of the **Central Powers** included Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria.



**Task 1:** List the Central and Allied Powers and label where the countries are on the map. You do not have to label the United States.

World War 1 began on 28 June 1914 by the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his pregnant wife Sophie. Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was heir to the throne of Austria and Hungary. The assassination was planned by a Serbian terrorist group, called The Black Hand and the man who shot Franz Ferdinand and his wife was a Bosnian revolutionary named Gavrilo Princip.

When the war started, most Europeans were caught up in nationalism. Nationalism is having pride and love of one's country. There is a strong feeling for one's country to be free from the control of another country, and be willing to defend it.



**Victims:** Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sophie



**Suspect:** Gavrilo Princip of The Black Hand

### Causes for War:

- a) The main cause of the war was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria.
- b) A tangle of alliances made between countries, to maintain a balance power in Europe, which brought about the size of the conflict.
- c) Austria-Hungary took over Bosnia in 1909 angering Serbia.
- d) Countries were building their military forces, arms and battleships.

### Other names for World War 1

- The War to End All Wars
- The War of the Nations
- The Great War

**Task 2:** After reading all of the information provided, complete the “Operation Closed Eyes” report. **Be sure to include 5 of your thoughts and questions for the President Wilson.**

## Operation Closed Eyes

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