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Causes of World War I & Reasons For U.S. Entry Into WWI Notes #1

<p>Causes of World War I</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In the years leading up to WWI there were four underlying issues that were building up and moving Europe toward war● Because of those underlying causes, it only took one significant event to light the fire and plunge the world into war● Four factors that contributed to the outbreak of World War I in Europe:
<p>Causes of World War I</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● M → Militarism:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nations developed strong armed forces to back up their empire<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Built up weapons and troops to intimidate other nations● A → Alliances:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A series of treaties that grouped the nations of Europe into two armed camps<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Pre-war: Triple Alliance, Franco-Russian, Triple Entente■ Wartime: Allies & Central Powers● I → Imperialism:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rivalries increased as nations fought for power around the world○ Countries gathered up land for profit, trade, & influence● N → Nationalism:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Intense pride in one's country○ Tensions grew as nations pursued only their own interests
<p>The Assassination</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sophie are _____ to death by a Bosnian Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip (from a terrorist group called the Black Hand)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Austria had _____ Serbia in 1908 and the group wanted to free Serbia from Austria● The assassination took place during an official visit to the Bosnian capital of _____ on June 28, 1914<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ As heir to the Austrian throne he was there as a representative of his country, Austria● The killings sparked a chain of events that led to the outbreak of World War I

<p>Mastery Check</p>	<p>Match the cause to its definition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nationalism _____ 2. Imperialism _____ 3. Militarism _____ 4. Alliances _____ 5. Assassination _____ 		
<p>A Diplomatic Crisis</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The assassinations kicked off a diplomatic crisis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On July 28th, Austria-Hungary declared what it expected to be a short war against Serbia • Germany _____ by treaty to support Austria-Hungary, declared war on _____ • Germany declared war on Russia's ally France • After Germany invaded Belgium, Britain declared war on Germany & Austria-Hungary 		
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<p>The Great War Begins</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germany _____ Belgium on August 4, 1914 • Their plan was to hold back Russia, quickly drive through Belgium to _____ • After France fell, the two German armies would _____ Russia 		

Reasons for U.S. Entry into WWI

R.U.N.

- R → Russia exits that war:
 - Russia leaves war, now a fight for democracy
 - March 1917: riots break out in Russia over the government's handling of war and scarcity of food & fuel (**Russian Revolution**)
 - November 1917: Vladimir Lenin leader of Bolshevik Party overthrows government and established a Communist government
- U → Unrestricted submarine warfare:
 - 6 American ships sunk
 - German _____ deployed to get around **British blockade** (threatened to sink any merchant ship)
 - Sunk Lusitania & Sussex
 - **Sussex Pledge**: Germany would not sink any merchant ships without warning
- N → Zimmerman telegraph/note:
 - January 1917: **Germany proposed that Mexico ally with them** and wage war on the U.S.
 - Germany promises Mexico would win "lost territory" in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona if they allied with Germany

President Wilson Declares War



- Due to these issues, U.S. declared war in **April 1917**
- President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war - told Congress that **war was _____ to "make the world safe for democracy"**

Impact of War on U.S.

- **Inflation**
 - War kept the economy booming, war supplies and materials produced and sold

- After the war, supplies and materials weren't needed

- **Strikes**

- Women's suffrage
- Workers' strikes - working conditions and pay

- **End of Progressives**

- The ideas & beliefs of Progressives were lost because of the anti-Communist hysteria and racially motivated violence

- **Race Riots**

- Dramatic growth of black communities in northern industrial cities - expanded so quickly & would move next to white communities - often met with violence

- _____

- The fear of the spread of communism

- **Return to** _____

- U.S. disillusioned with world affairs; war gains came at a terrible cost; decide to stay out of European affairs