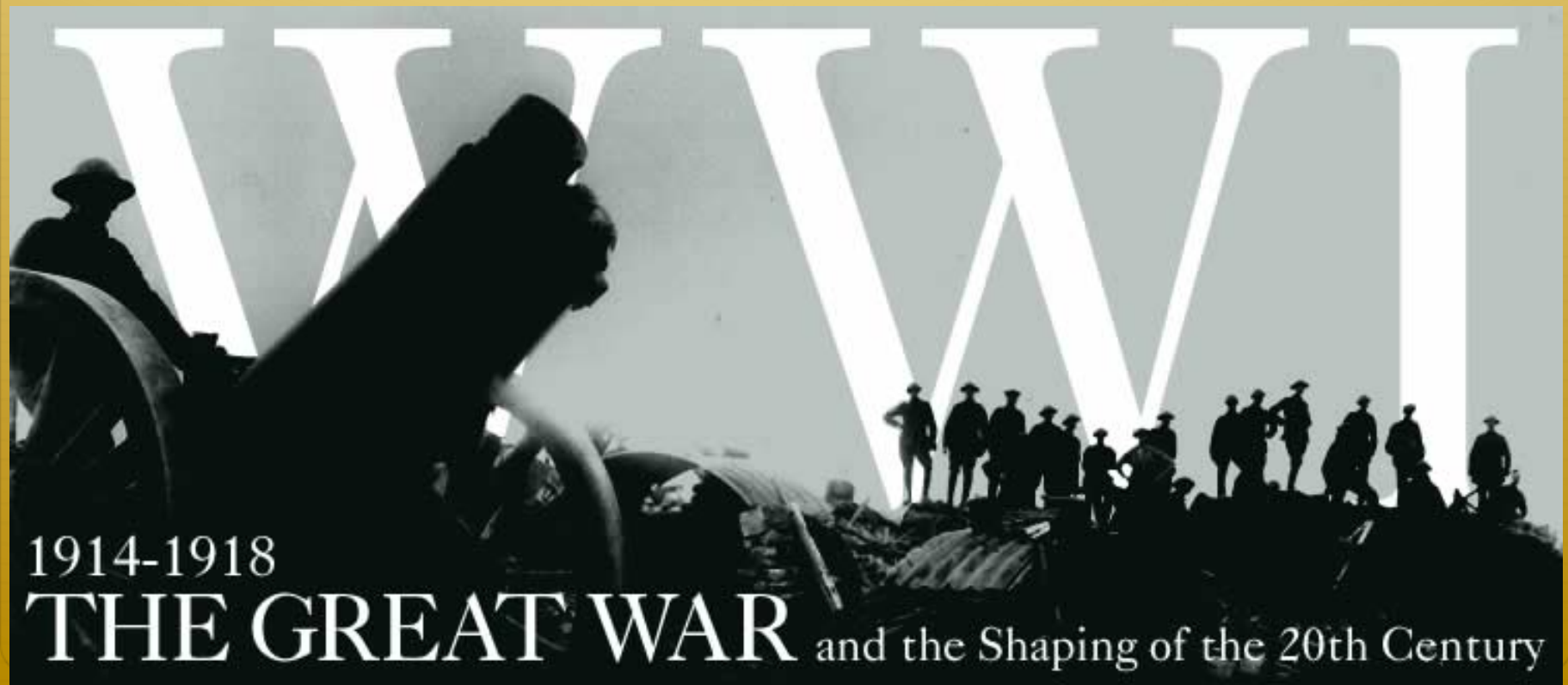


# The Causes of the Great War (World War I)

Note Taking Tips:

GREEN- Important PINK- Checks Understanding RED- Study Tip



# Peace or War?

- ✦ Up until 1914 Europe had been “relatively” peaceful, yet most of the world had or was colonized by Europe at some point in time, this connected the world to the instability of the European powers.
- ✦ Many countries even took steps toward world peace:
  - ✦ First modern Olympics 1896
  - ✦ First Universal Peace Conference 1899
- ✦ However the countries in Europe had different plans...

# Causes of War

Remember~ **M.A.I.N.S**

✦ **M**ilitarism

✦ **A**lliances

✦ **I**mperialism

✦ **N**ationalism

✦ **S**ignificant Event

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# Militarism

- ✦ When a nation's armed forces come to dominate a country's national policy. Essentially a glorification of the military and war itself.



<http://davidbill.wordpress.com/2007/03/01/podcast-on-ww1-response/>



# Militarism

Can you think of a modern example of Militarism?

Each country was trying to build the biggest and strongest army!

- ✦ The British feared an attack on their Empire... Germany was competing with the UK to build battleships and expand its newly unified Empire... etc!
- ✦ Basically they all were competing to protect and build their wealth. (which included their economy, colonies, military, etc...)

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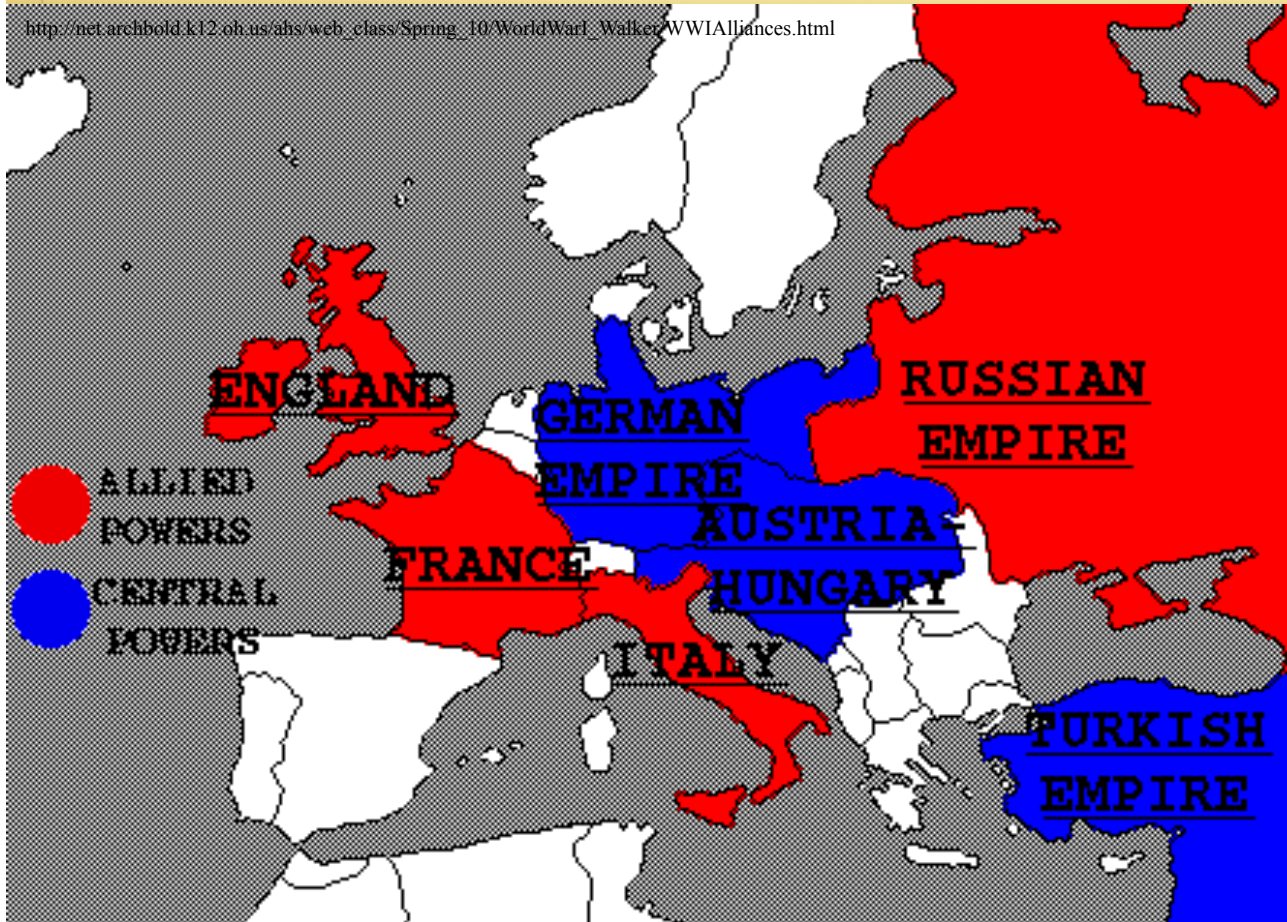
# Alliance

- ✦ Powerful countries signed treaties/agreements in which each nation involved, pledges to defend the other if attacked. Basically, countries agreed to have each others back.
- ✦ While many thought alliances would deter war it only divided Europe.

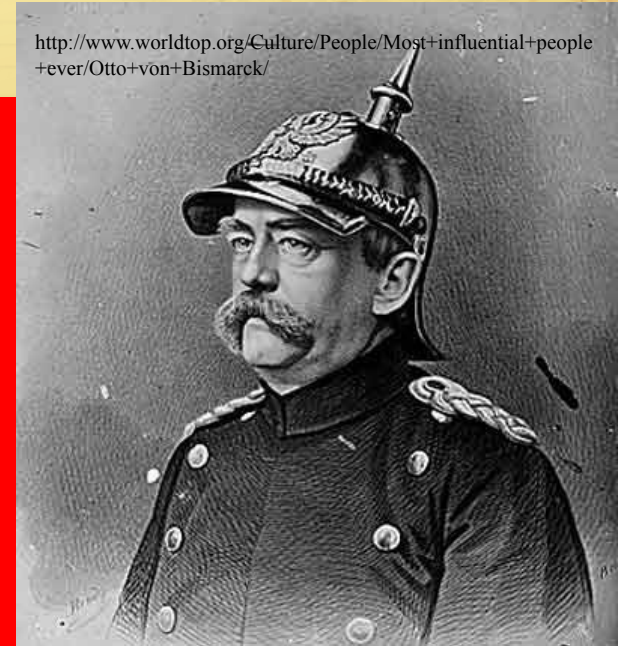


# Alliances

[http://net.archbold.k12.oh.us/ahs/web\\_class/Spring\\_10/WorldWarI/Walkers/WWIAlliances.html](http://net.archbold.k12.oh.us/ahs/web_class/Spring_10/WorldWarI/Walkers/WWIAlliances.html)



<http://www.worldtop.org/Culture/People/Most+influential+people+ever/Otto+von+Bismarck/>



The formation of Alliances started with German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck. He feared that France wanted to avenge its defeat in the Franco-Prussian War.

- ✦ By 1914 all the major powers were linked by alliances.

## Triple Alliance or Central Powers

- ✦ Germany
- ✦ Italy (Swaps sides during War)
- ✦ Austria Hungary

In order to help protect Germany from a French advance Bismarck signed alliances to protect German Borders.

Formal agreement since treaty signed.

What is a synonym for the word alliance?

## Triple Entente or Allied Powers

As a result of their alliance other countries soon followed suit and signed an entente.

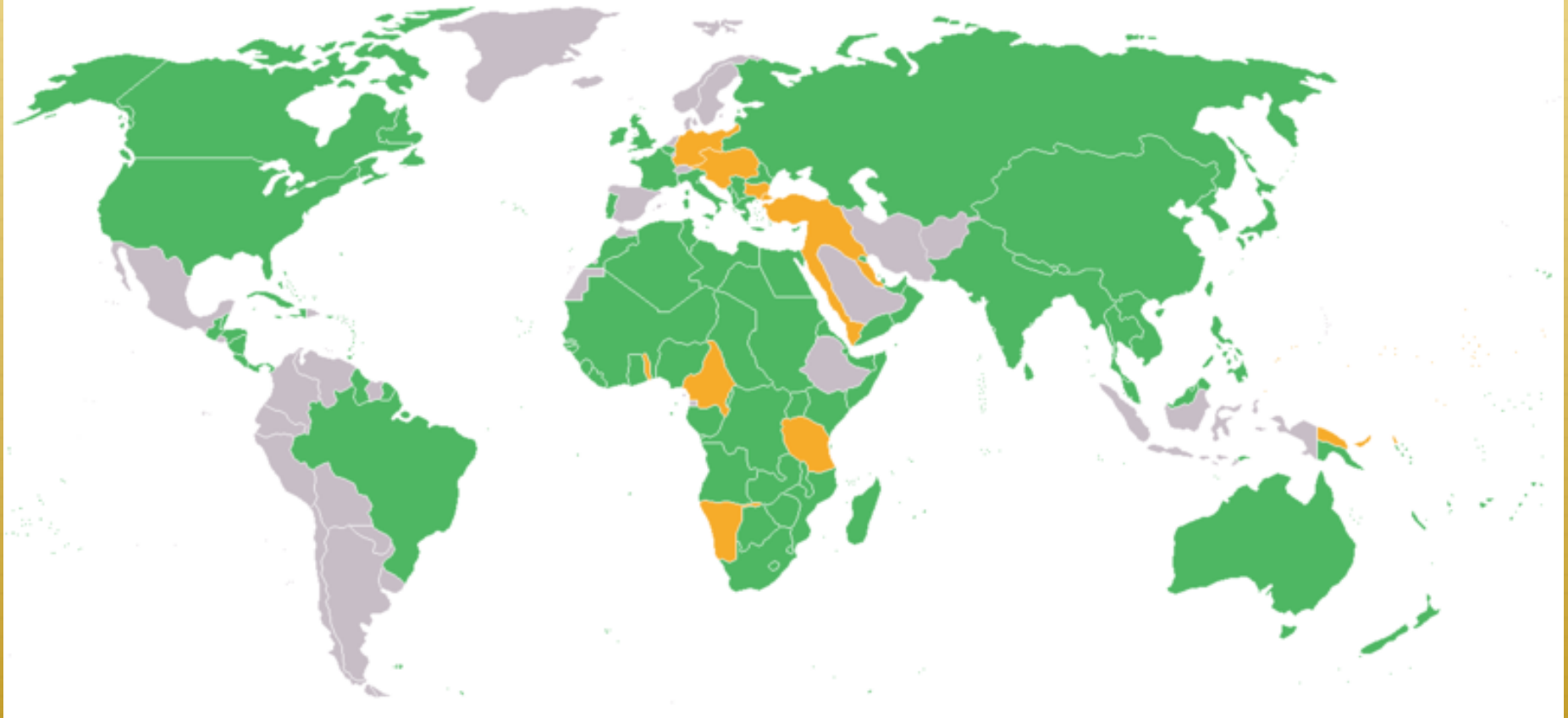
- ✦ France
- ✦ Russia
- ✦ Britain

Non-binding agreement yet still important.

**More countries joined each side as the alliances and war progressed. By the end over 40 countries were involved.**



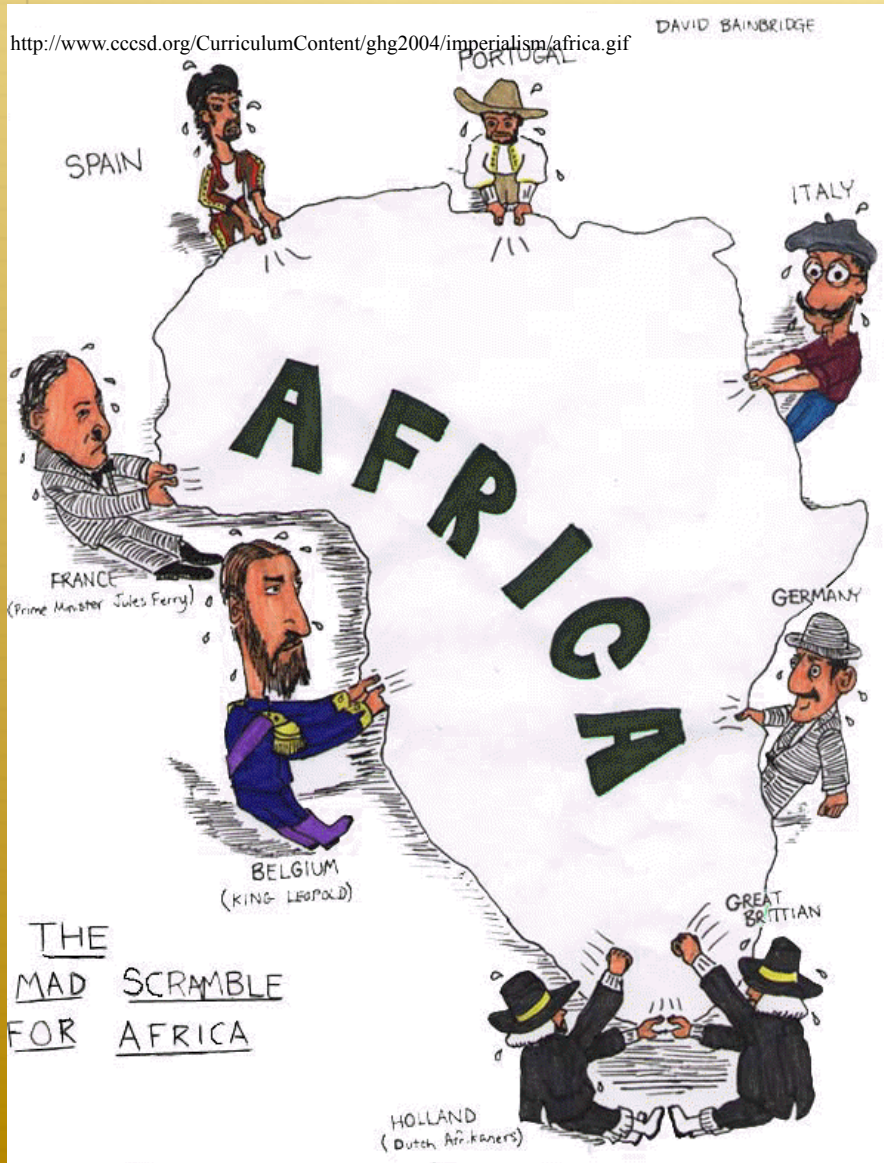
# War Spreads World Wide



- As the war spread the colonies of the major countries were also brought into war.
- Some served their parent country faithfully while others resisted.

# Imperialism

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- ✦ Domination of one country over the political, economic or cultural life of another country.
- ✦ Due to the Industrial Revolution, some European nations had portions of the world under their control. Think colonies!

Basically the more colonies you own the wealthier and more powerful you were.

How does the cartoon show what Imperialism is?

# Nationalism

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Bangkok Post | MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008

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<http://www.kabobfest.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/nationalism.jpg>

✦ Pride and patriotism in one's nation.

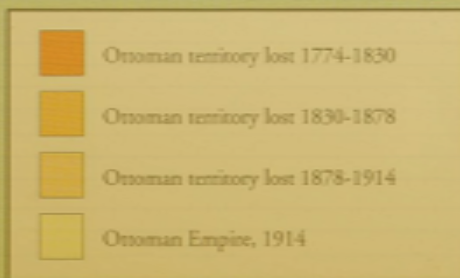
✦ In terms of WWI, nationalism became aggressive and a major cause of international tension.

## THE DECLINE OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

# Nationalism

Newly independent Serbia threatened the power of the Ottoman Empire

- ✦ This was an age when all “nations” wanted to assert their power and independence. The empires of old were starting to collapse as nationalities banded together for their freedom.



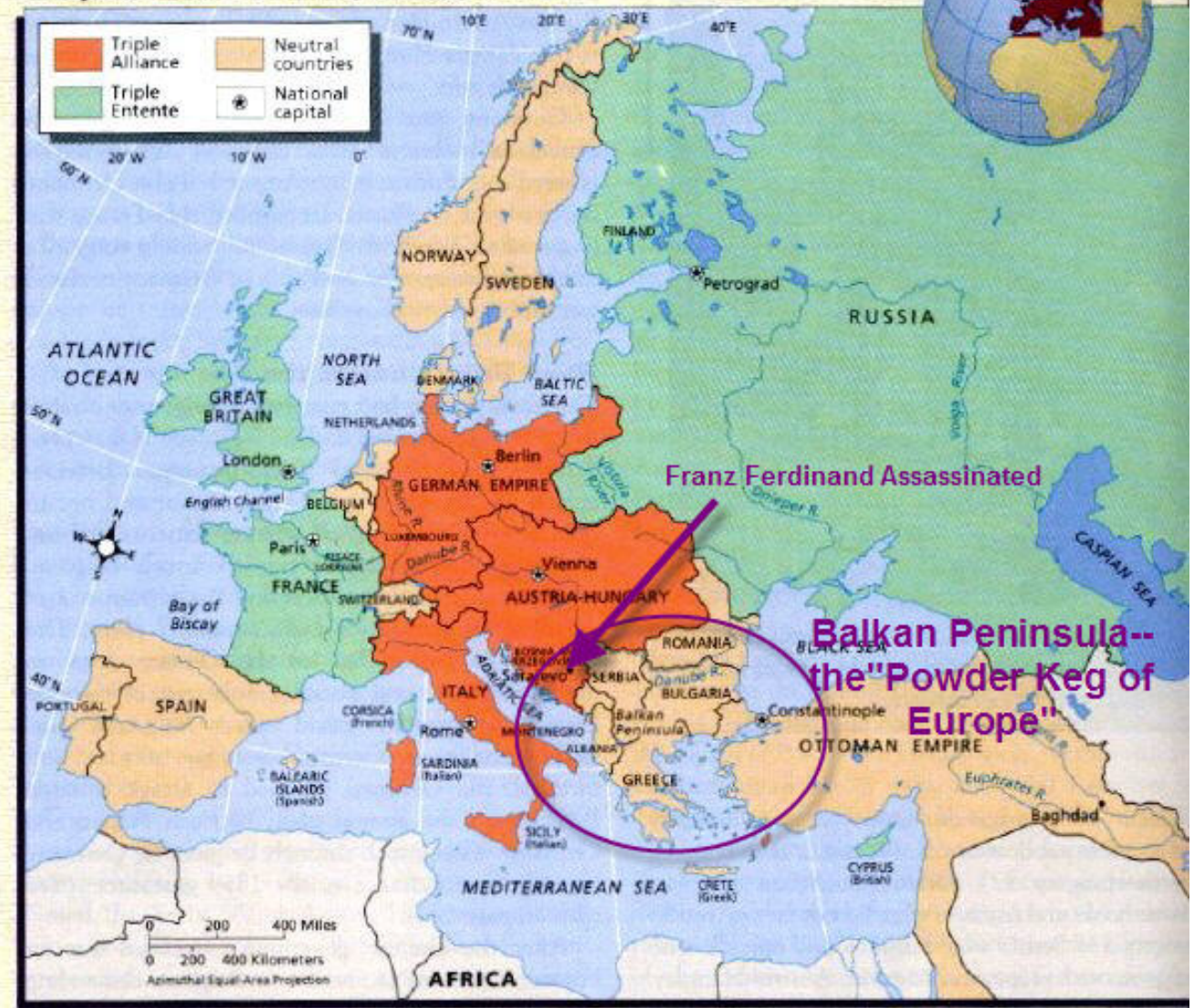
# Nationalism

✦ Following Serbia several Balkan states followed suit and won their independence from Turkey.

✦ Yet the fighting did not stop there they soon kept attacking one another to claim the spoils of war.

✦ Tensions became very high in the area giving it the nickname the Powder Keg of Europe.

Europe on the Eve of World War I, 1914



Areas that saw rise of Nationalism and conflict:

- Austria Hungary
- Balkans
- Ottoman Empire

Looking at the previous maps and the one below how does nationalism within an empire cause conflict.



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# Significant Event

- ✦ Archduke Franz Ferdinand heir to Austrian throne announced a visit to Sarajevo which was the capital of Bosnia and under Austrian Hungarian rule. This angered many Slav and Serbian citizens since they saw it as a sign of foreign oppression and vowed to fight back.



**HEIR TO AUSTRIA'S THRONE IS SLAIN  
WITH HIS WIFE BY A BOSNIAN YOUTH  
TO AVENGE SEIZURE OF HIS COUNTRY**

Francis Ferdinand Shot  
During State Visit  
to Sarajevo.

**TWO ATTACKS IN A DAY**

Archduke Saves His Life First  
Time by Knocking Aside a  
Bomb Hurled at Auto.

**SLAIN IN SECOND ATTEMPT**

**LAI'D TO A SERBIAN PLOT**

**AGED EMPEROR IS STRICKEN**

Special Photo to The New York Times from  
SARAJEVO, Bosnia, June 28. (By  
courtesy of the "Nation" Photo Photo  
Trust) - Archduke Francis Ferdi-



**Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his Consort the Duchess of Hohenberg  
Slain by Assassin's Bullets.**

# Significant Event

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- ✦ The “Black Hand” a group of Serbian Nationalists attacked on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1914.
- ✦ The bomb attempt failed in morning so Gavrilo Princip shot the Archduke and his wife in the afternoon.



Predict how this assassination lead to war in the Balkans?

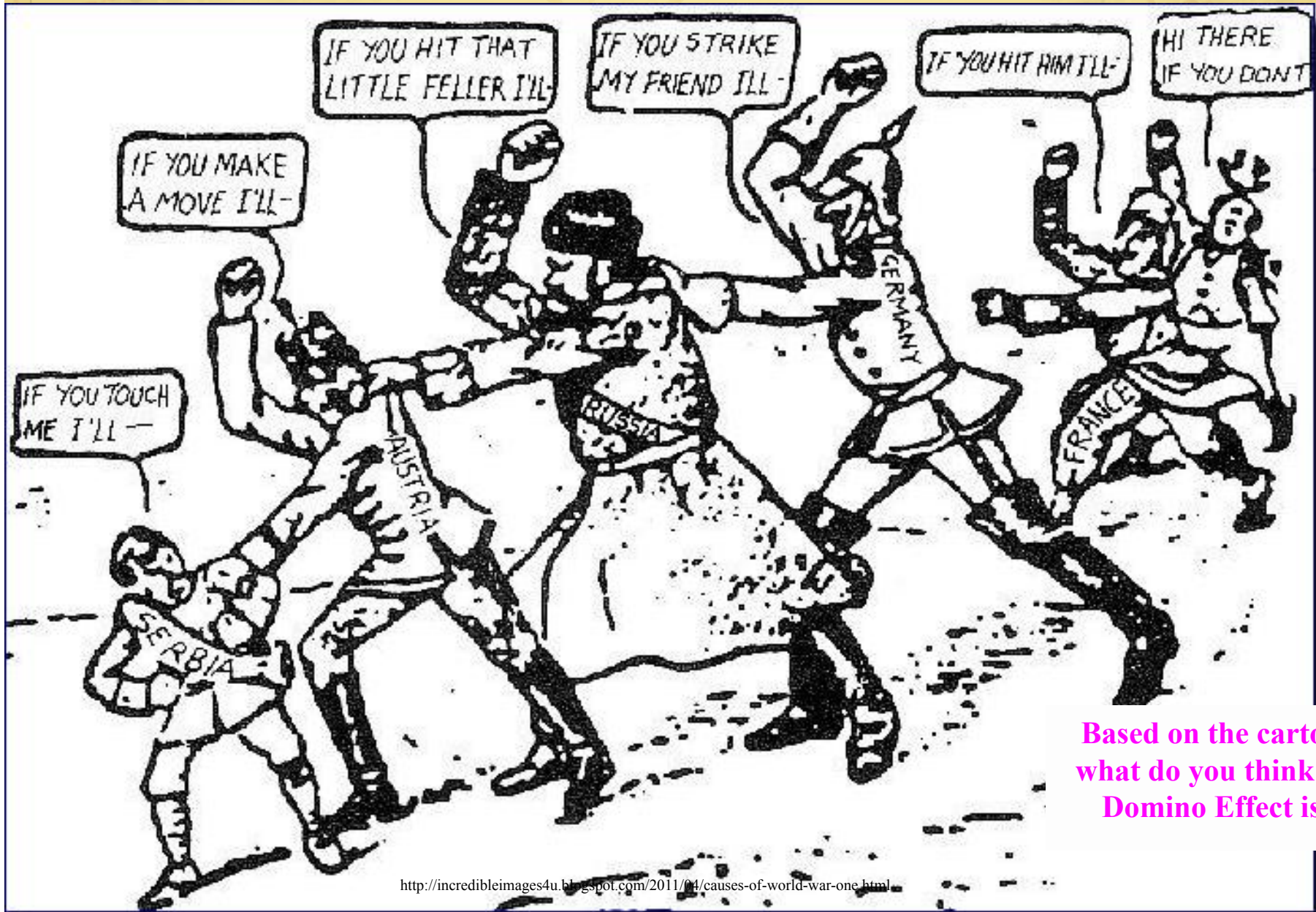


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# Austria Strikes Back!

- ✦ With Austria Hungary's alliance behind them and encouraging swift firm action. Austria offered Serbia one final ultimatum, and while they agreed to parts they did not agree to all and this was the final straw that lead to War.
- ✦ Russia soon mobilized her troops to support Serbia
- ✦ Germany demands that Russia stands her armies down.
- ✦ Germany declares war on Russia
- ✦ Germany goes after France by going though Belgium (Schlieffen Plan)
- ✦ England honours alliance with Belgium and declares war on Germany!

# The Domino Effect led to War



Based on the cartoon what do you think the Domino Effect is?

<http://www.meltybuzz.fr/nintendo-un-domino-geant-en-hommage-aux-plus-galerie-280682-862905.html>



And the Great War began  
just like a game of  
Dominos !!!!