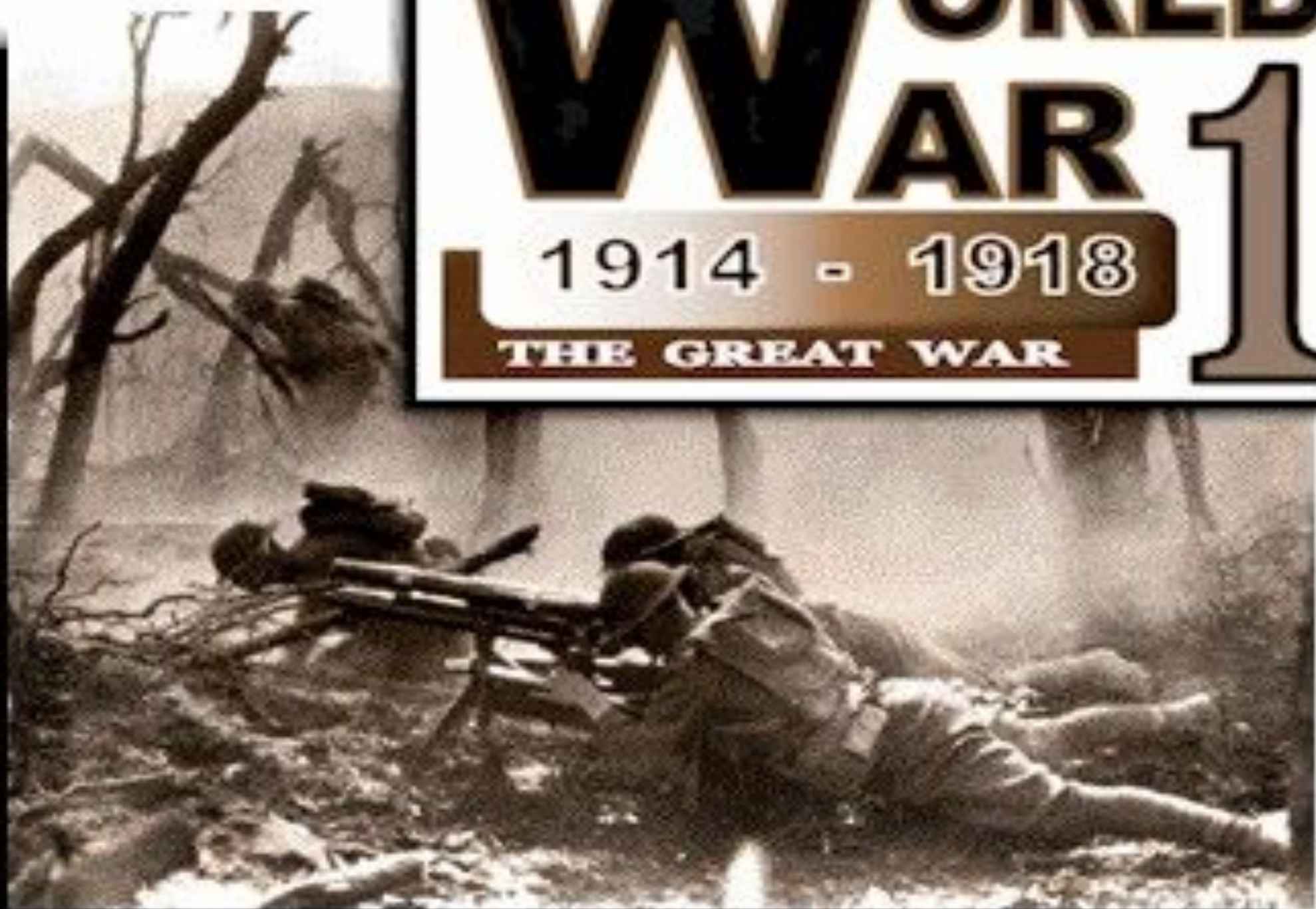


# WORLD WAR 1

1914 - 1918

THE GREAT WAR



# General Information on the GREAT WAR

Started: 1914  
(July 28)

Ended: November  
11, 1918 –  
ARMISTICE

Trends: New  
Technology, New  
War Tactics, Etc  
  
Deadliest War Thus  
Far

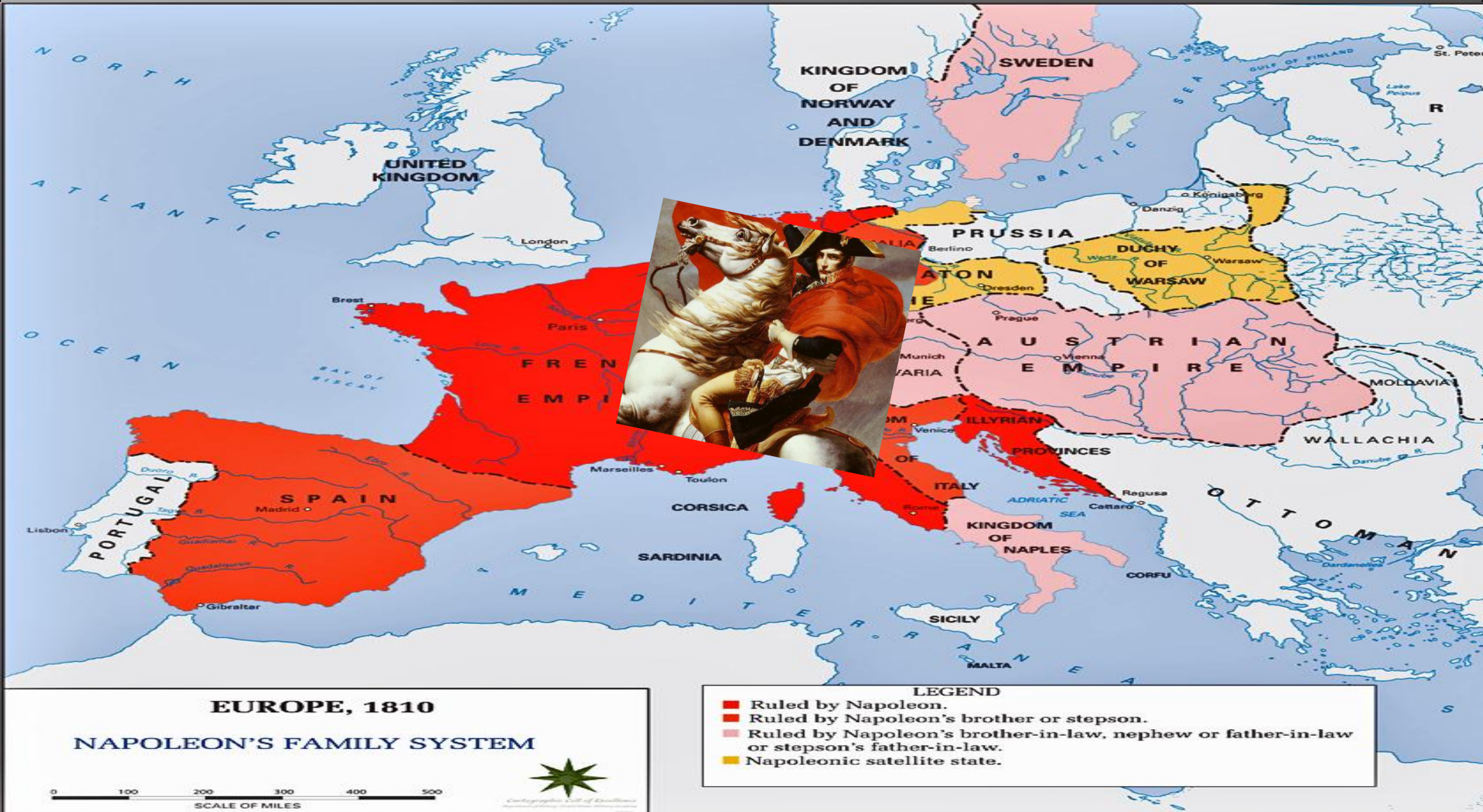
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DEAD & 22,000,000  
WOUNDED



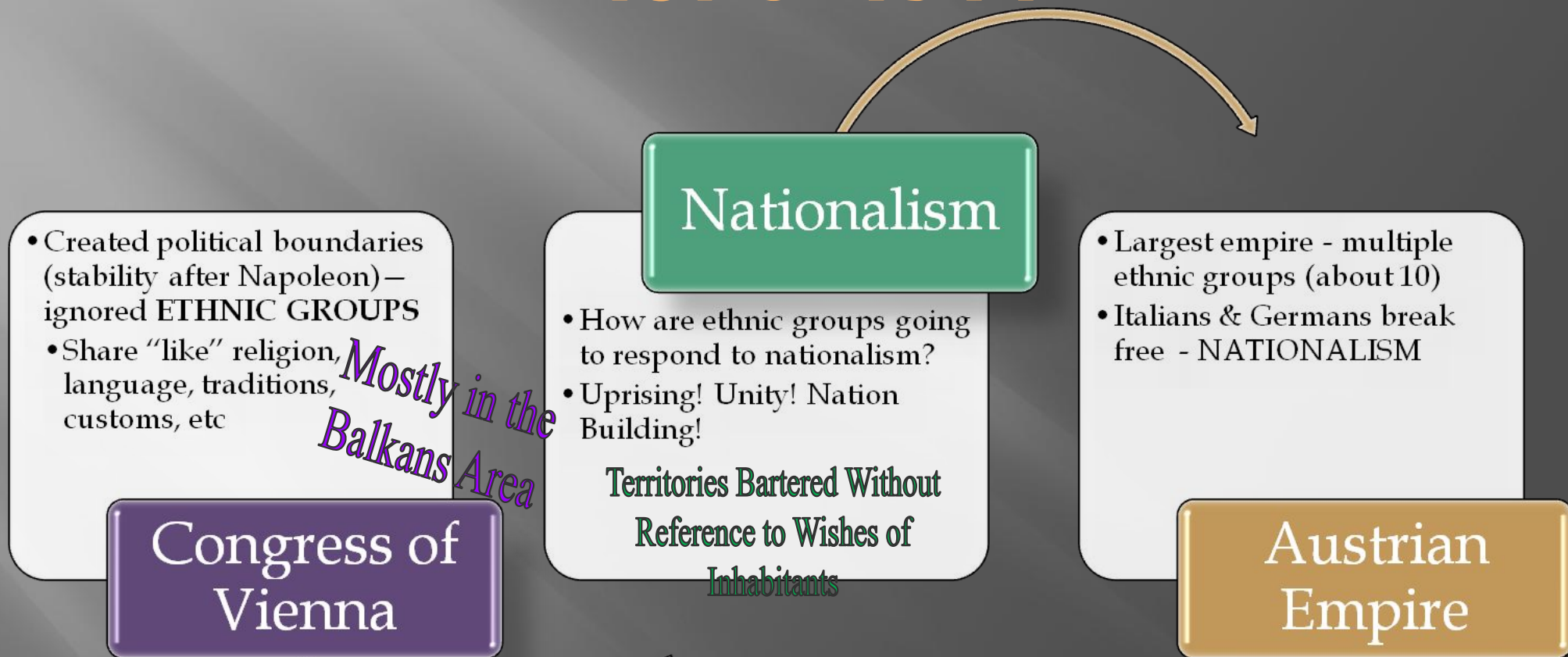


**But how did we  
get to the point of  
a GREAT war?**

# Europe due to Napoleonic Wars



# Setting the Stage for War Trouble Brewing in Europe 1870-1914



Self-Determination threatened to tear apart multi-national empires

# Europe, 1815

## Treaty of Vienna



United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland

- 1. Kingdom of Sardinia
- 2. Lombardy (Aus.)
- 3. Venetia (Aus.)
- 4. Parma
- 5. Modena
- 6. Tuscany (Aus.)
- 7. Papal States
- 8. Kingdom of the Two Sicilies



# Setting the Stage for War

## Trouble Brewing in Europe 1870-1914



Germany unified in 1871

- Economic Problems
- Needs Industry & Trade
- Cant Imperialize
- Needs Land

Italy unified in 1870

- Late to IMPERIALISM
- ECONOMIC Strength
- MILITARY Power
- Needs LAND
- Become AGGRESSIVE- imperialism isn't enough
- NEEDS A WAR - **WHY?**

- Austria lost power...
- Creation of Dual Monarch - Large & Diverse Empire
- Nationalistic Issues Rage

Austria-Hungary created once Germans & Italians leave

*Realpolitik!*

# The Causes of World War I



# The CAUSES

**M** *ilitarism* – policy of building up strong military forces to prepare for war

**A** *lliances* – agreements between nations to aid and protect one another

**N** *ationalism* – pride in or devotion to one's country (own language, customs, etc are better than others)

**I** *mperialism* – when one country takes over another country economically, politically, or socially

**A** *ssassination* – killing of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by the hands to the Blank Hand (tied to nationalism)

# MILITARISM



Stockpile **NEW** weapons with **MASSIVE** militaries in preparation for war

Germany, France, Russia developed huge armies to rival Great Britain

Idea that the **GREATER** military strength you have the **STRONGER** your country

**POWDER KEG!**

Glorify  
Military  
Power

*Race to create advanced weapons*

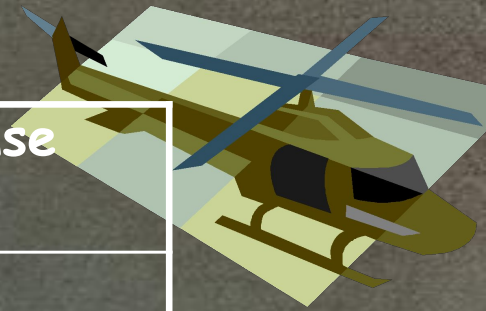
*Race to create massive military & naval force*

# MILITARISM

<u>Country</u>	<u>Troops</u>
Germany	1,900,000
Austria-Hungary	450,000
Britain	100,000
France	1,300,000
Serbia	200,000
Russia	1,400,000

# MILITARISM: Total Defense Expenditures for the Great Powers

	1910-1914 Increase in Defense Expenditures
France	10%
Britain	13%
Russia	39%
Germany	73%



# NEW WEAPONS & WARFARE TACTICS (INDUSTRIAL GROWTH)

- **TRENCH WARFARE:** digging trenches in battlefield to counter offensive
- **POISON GAS:** used to counter stalemates, could blind/choke/burn victims → killed/injured thousands
- **RAPID-FIRE MACHINE GUNS:** artillery & high explosive shells created destructive power
- **TANKS:** crossed rough battlefields → armed with weapons
- **AIRCRAFT:** observe enemy position → machine guns attached & drop bombs
- **ZEPPELINS:** used to bomb trenches & cities as well as observe enemy movements
- **U-BOATS (German Submarines):** water surprise attacks

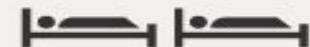




## GERMAN WW1 U-BOAT: U 31 CLASS

### Ship's engines

Ship's battery engines generated explosive hydrogen gas



### Crew's quarters

35 men slept in very cramped conditions

### Torpedoes

The U-boats were armed with six torpedoes

German WW1 U-boat:  
U 31 class / Year 1914  
Displacement 878 tons  
Range 8790 miles



35 men

2-shaft diesel/electric motors 64.7 m

Modern Submarine: British Astute class / Year 2010  
Displacement 7200 tons  
Range Unlimited



98 men

2 x Rolls-Royce PWR2 Nuclear Reactors 97 m

# ALLIANCES

Power in  
Numbers  
for  
Strength

- Prevent War
- Defense agreement among 2 or more nations to give help if/when needed
  - Made nations wanting to go to war to prove superiority
  - What do alliances really mean for a country?

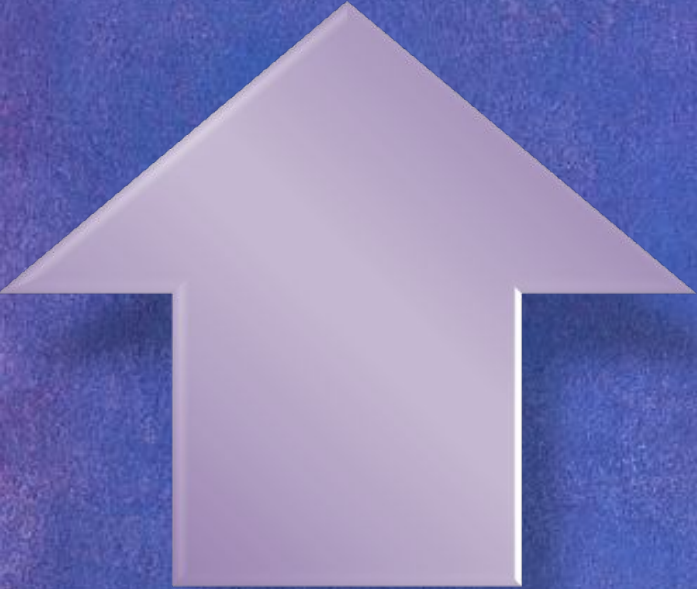


BLUE: Triple Entente  
RED: Triple Alliance  
BEIGE: Neutral

Two  
Major  
Alliance  
Pre-WWI

- **Triple Entente** – Great Britain, France, and Russia
- **Triple Alliance** – Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy

# ALLIANCES: The Breakdown



## Triple Alliance 1882: Germany, Italy & Austria-Hungary

- Make a PROMISE to protect each other (need the other)
- LATER...
  - **Central Powers...**



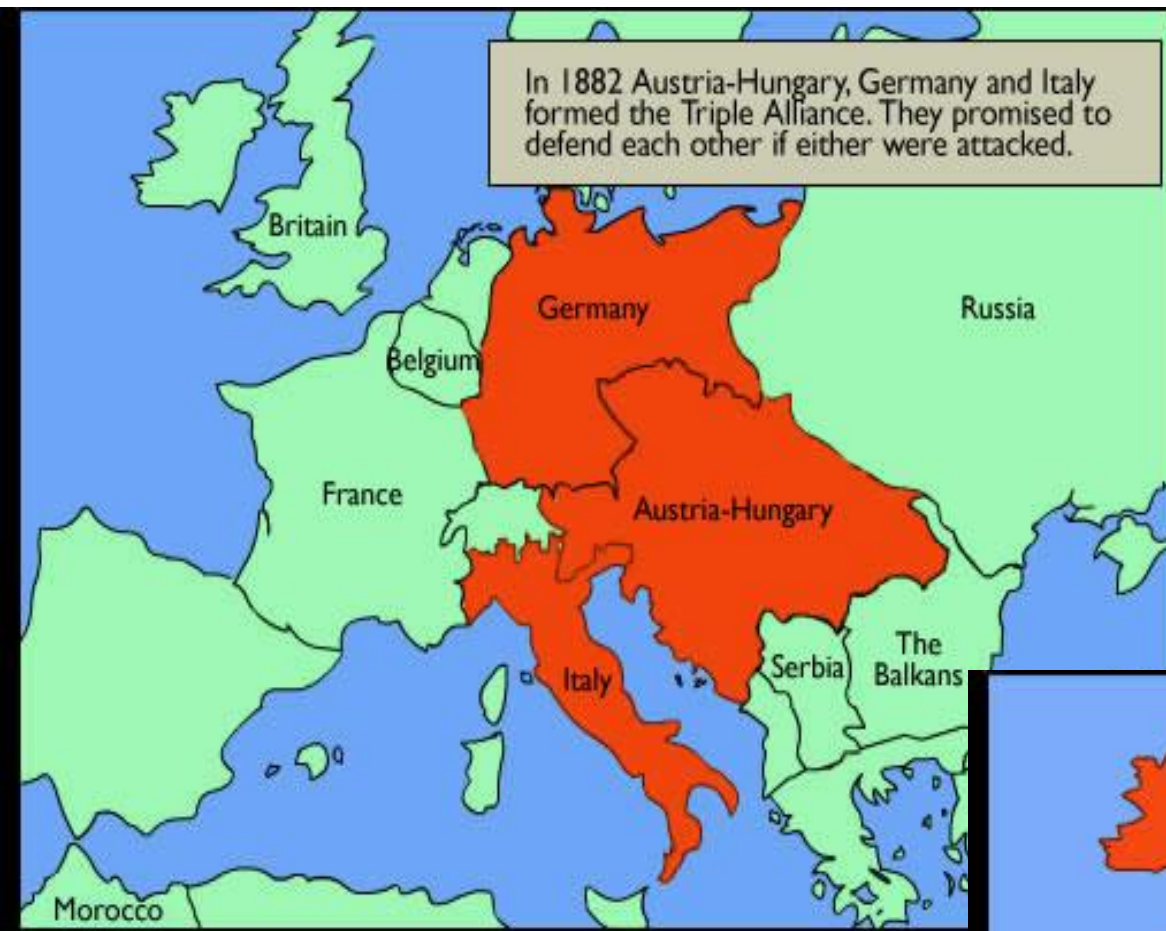
## Triple Entente 1907: France, Russia, Britain

- Create “LOOSE AGREEMENT” in order to protect themselves against German aggressive acts (strong alone just protection)
- LATER...
  - **Allied Powers...**

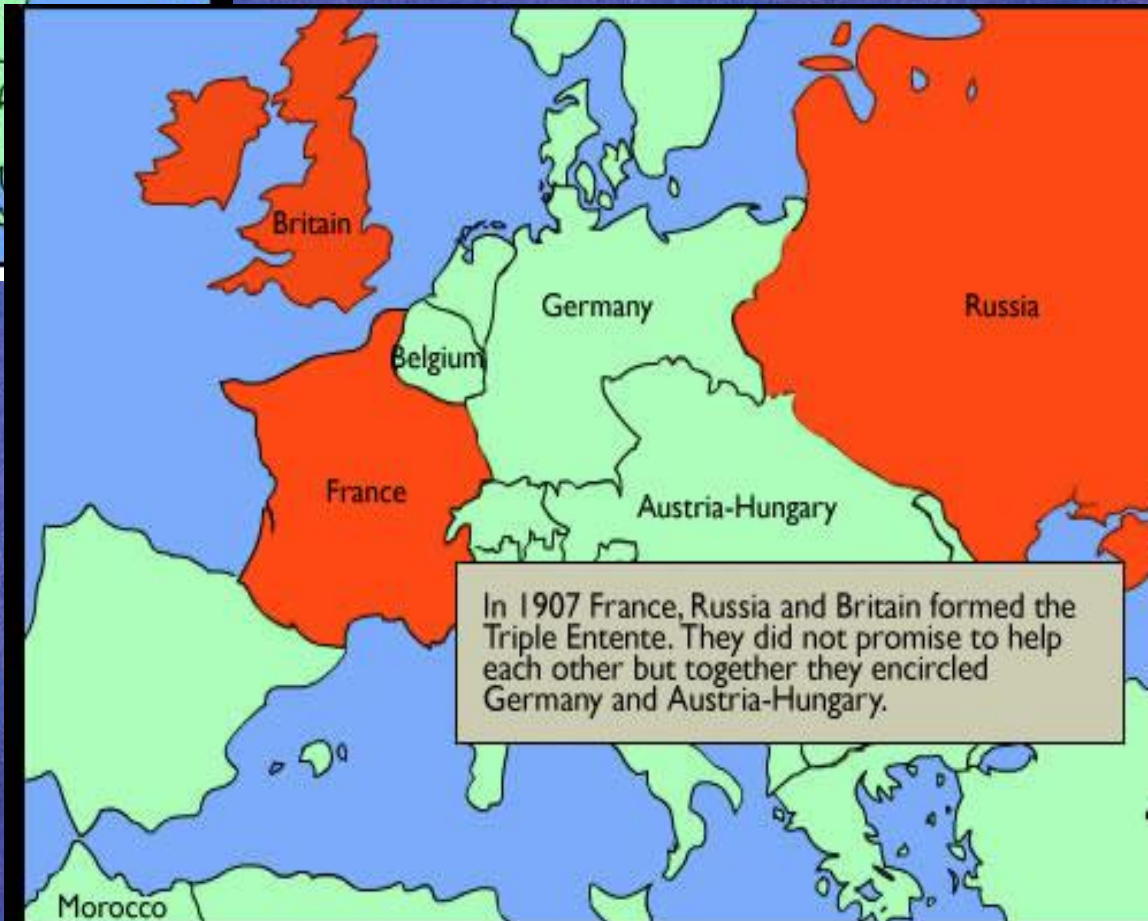


# ALLIANCES

In 1882 Austria-Hungary, Germany and Italy formed the Triple Alliance. They promised to defend each other if either were attacked.



In 1907 France, Russia and Britain formed the Triple Entente. They did not promise to help each other but together they encircled Germany and Austria-Hungary.



Look at the geography of the alliances – what does this indicate if/when war breaks out?



COUNTRIES

NORWAY

SWEDEN

GREAT BRITAIN

R U S S I A

NETHERLANDS

GERMANY

BELGIUM

FRANCE

AUSTRIA - HUNGARY

SWITZERLAND

SPAIN

RUMANIA

ITALY

SERBIA

BULGARIA

ALBANIA

GREECE

MEDITERRANEAN

# Consequence of Alliances & Military

- ❑ Germany surrounded!
- ❑ War with Russia or France would make Germany the enemy of both
  - WHY?
- ❑ Germany forced to fight a two-front war
- ❑ Germany implements military strategy...

# SCHLIEFFEN PLAN

## German Military Plan

French Defeat = German Victory

Implemented if British, French, and/or Russians became a true threat

Attack in France would divide Entente & magnify inability to react quickly

Attack France IMMEDIATELY through NEUTRAL Belgium or Luxembourg (French forts on borders)

Would take nearly 6 weeks for Russia to mobilize (no RR)

Great Britain couldn't combat forces (WHY?)



# IMPERIALISM

- Quest for INDUSTRIAL POWER – brings markets, raw materials, prestige
  - Scramble to bolster economies
- Unification of Germany provided her with the necessity to create stability in nation – PRIORITY
  - Need economic stability = INDUSTRY
  - Need respect = LAND
  - Imperialism could aid in both
    - Must compete to challenge Great Britain & France
    - Late to imperial race – creates competition & rivalry

How do the alliances reflect imperial efforts?

# NATIONALISM: Trouble in the Balkans



- 1908: Austria-Hungary takes control of former Turkish province of **BOSNIA** – Why?
  - Access to Mediterranean Sea
- Serbia wanted control of Bosnia – ethnicity
- Tensions rise between Serbia and Austria-Hungary

\*\*\*Russia was allied with Serbia\*\*\* -- predict!!!!

# NATIONALISM: Serbia vs. Austria-Hungary



Nationalism threatens strength of dual empire

- 3/5 of people in Austria-Hungary are NOT Austrian or Hungarian - all want own countries
- Aim to crush rising spirits of nationalist groups

"Great Serbian State"

- Serbia wanted to expand nation
- Serbia wanted Austria to give up Bosnia (many Serbs)

Tension Rises

- Austria-Hungary opposed Serbian expansion - WHY?
- Serbia threatened war on Austria-Hungary
- WHAT WILL HAPPEN??

*Formation of Black Hand*  
Objective was creation - by means of violence - of Great Serbian State



- Germans
- Hungarians
- Czechs
- Slovaks
- Poles
- Ukrainians
- Slovenes
- Croats, Serbs
- Romanians
- Italians

**The ethnic groups of Austria-Hungary in 1910 according to *Distribution of Races in Austria-Hungary* by William R. Shepherd, 1911.**



# ASSASSINATION: The Spark that Lit the Fuse

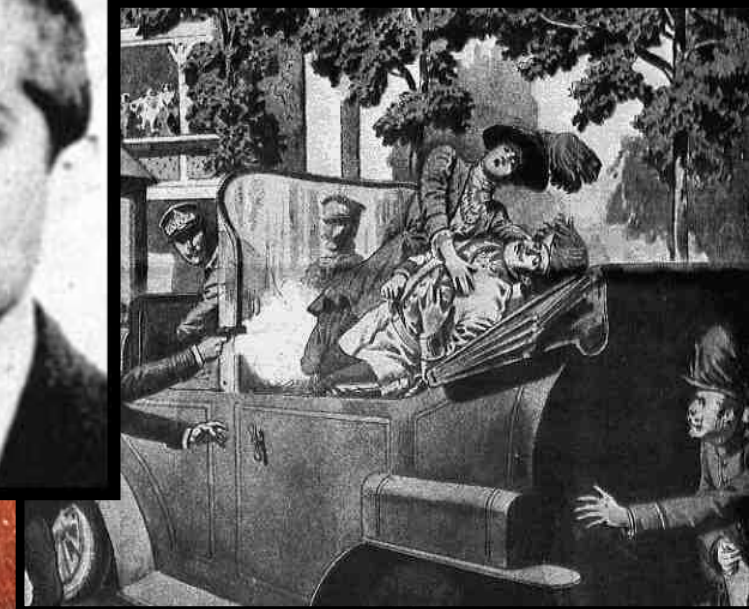
- The one event that started the Great War happened in the Balkans
- The Archduke Franz Ferdinand (Austria-Hungary) was assassinated
- The Black Hand (Serbian Nationalists) were responsible....



# ASSASSINATION: “The Spark” in Sarajevo

Serbia vs.  
Austria-Hungary

- Heir to Austro-Hungarian throne visits Bosnia in the capital of Sarajevo
- Serbian nationalist (Black Hand) crosses over assassinating heir (June 1914)
- Germany pushes war – “convince” Austria-Hungary to blame Serbia for the assassination
- Austria-Hungary seeks reparations to no avail – declare war



# THE GREAT WAR

