

CAUSES OF WORLD WAR ONE

IMMEDIATE CAUSE:

- June 28th, 1914, 10:00 a.m. - Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, Archduchess Sophia, were assassinated in Sarajevo
 - ▶ the Archduke was the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne
- the assassin, Gavrilo Princip, was a member of a Serbian terrorist group known as *Black hand*
- A series of events led to the start of the war
 - ▶ Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia;
 - ▶ Russia supporting Serbia, mobilized against Austria-Hungary;
 - ▶ France supporting Russia, also mobilized;
 - ▶ Germany declared war on Russia, and on France the next day;
 - ▶ Germany then invaded France through Belgium;
 - ▶ Protecting Belgium's neutrality, Britain declared war on Germany;
 - ▶ World War I began