

Aim: Why did World War I break out?

Do Now:

- What is an alliance?
- Is it a good thing for nations to form alliances?

Alliance: an agreement between countries to help each other. Formed to advance common interests or causes

Pros (argument for)

- Can discourage an enemy attack
- Can help protect you from an enemy attack

Cons (argument against)

- Could get new enemies
- Allies can draw you into a war
- A nation might act more aggressive

What alliances formed before World War I?



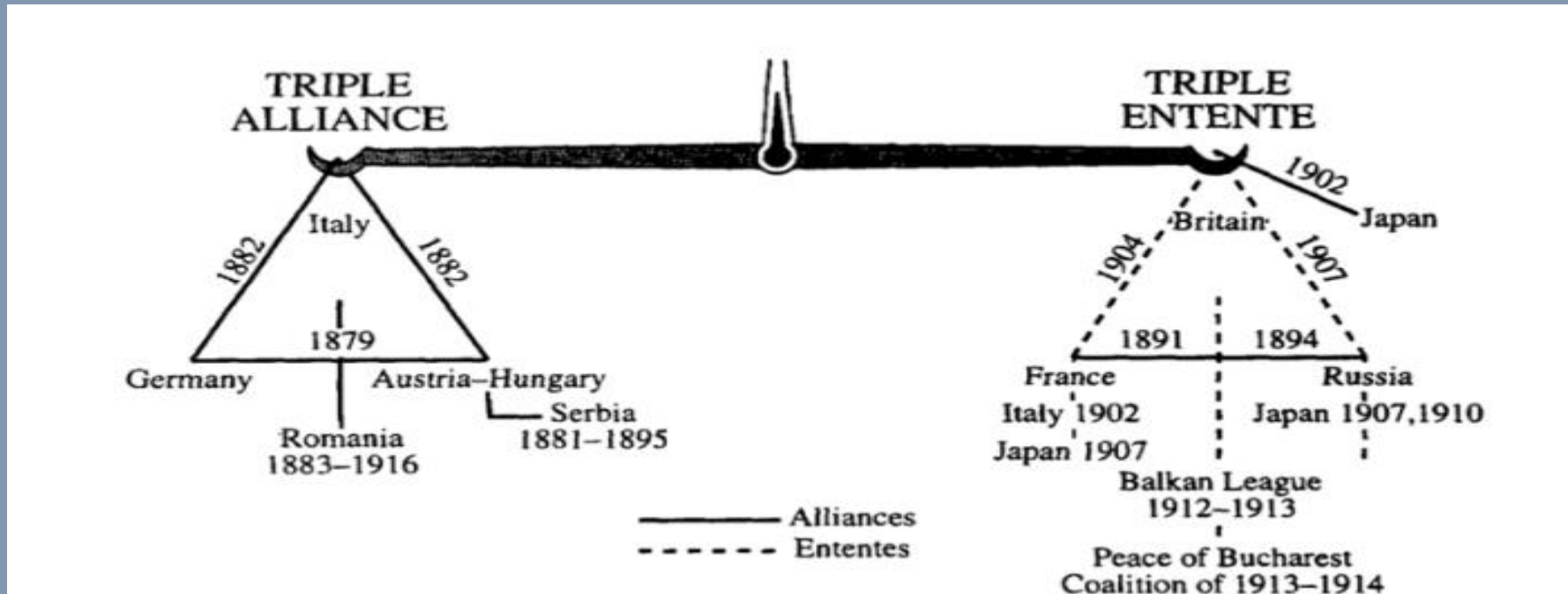
What alliances formed before World War I?

Triple Alliance

- Germany
- Austria-Hungary
- Italy

Triple Entente

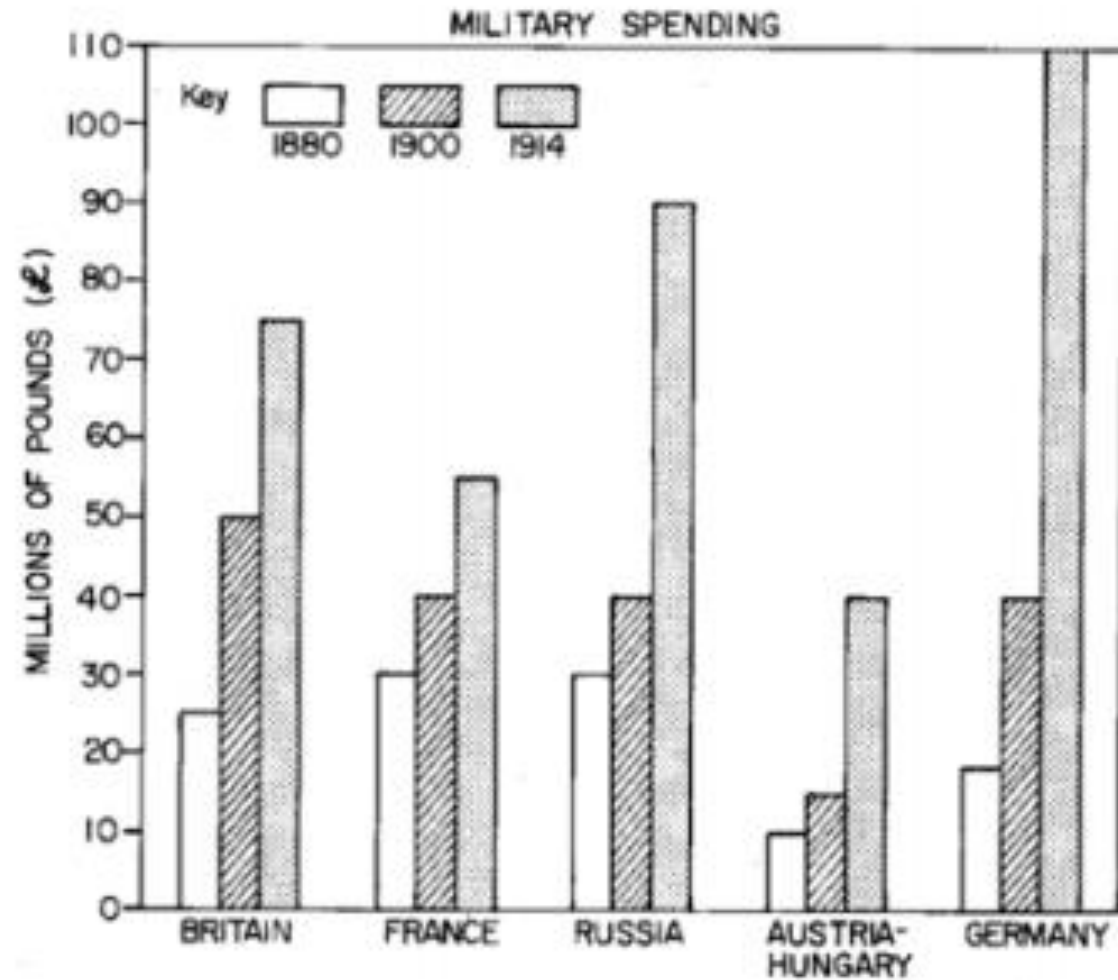
- France
- Russia
- Great Britain



Did splitting up into alliances make war more or less likely?



What other factors encouraged war in 1914?



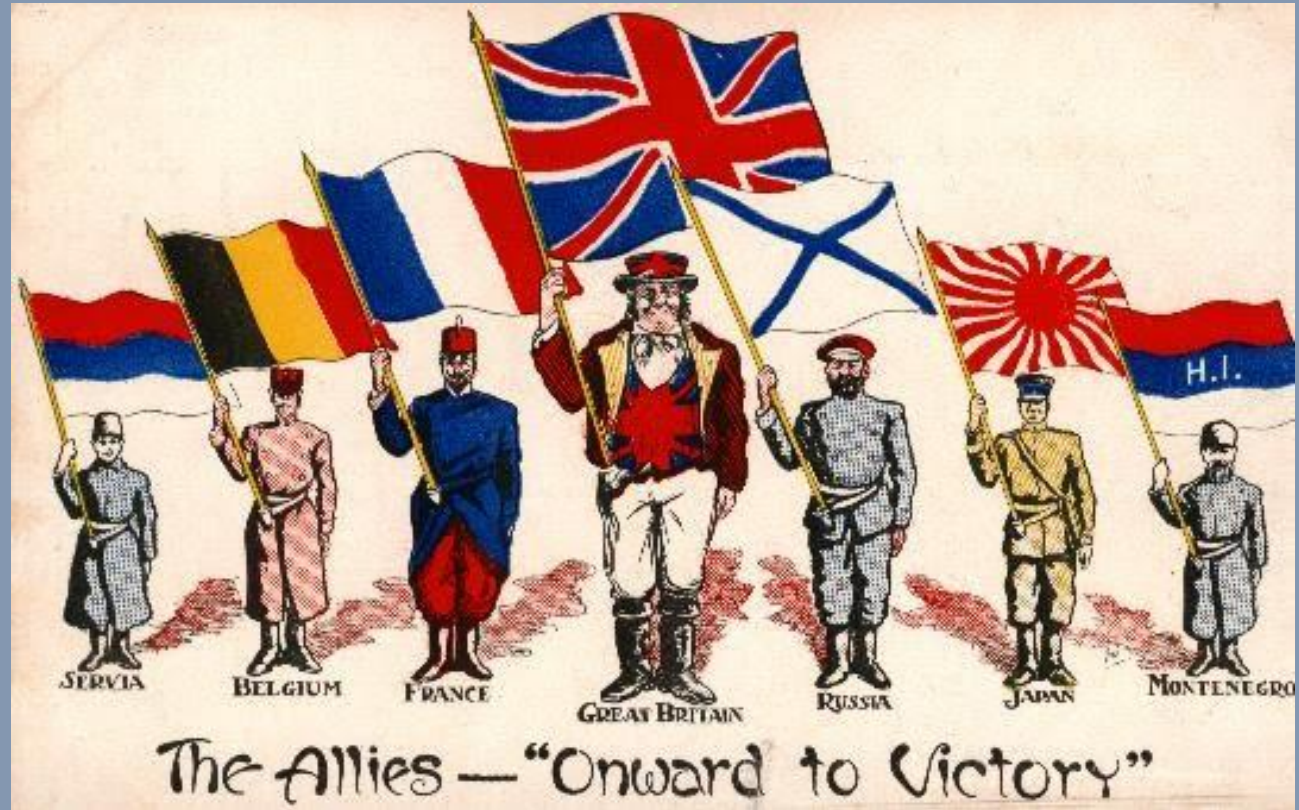
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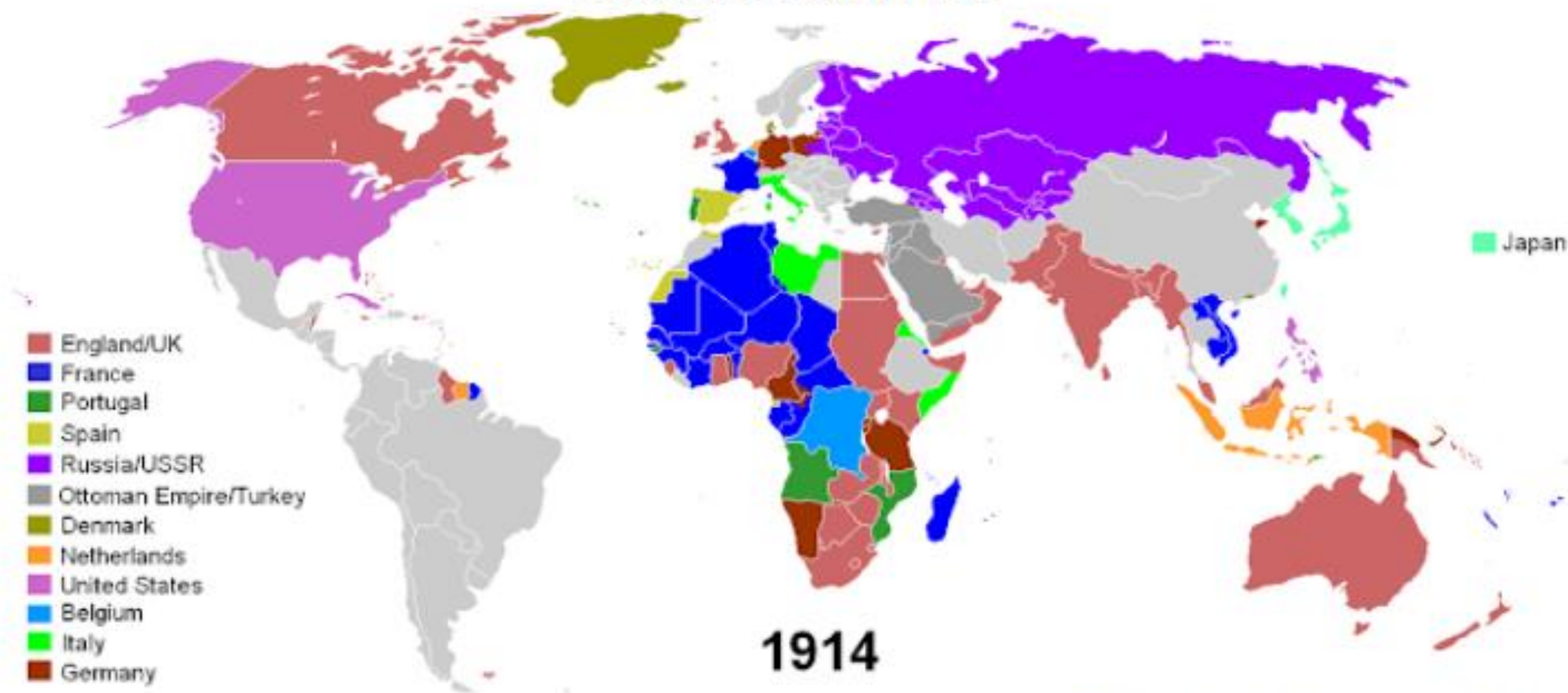
British poster encouraging young men to enlist in the army to defend their country.

Source: Fairchild Memorial Gallery, Lauinger Library, Georgetown University. NYS Global History Regents Exam.



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Colonial Holdings in 1914



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Underlying Causes of World War I

- Militarism
 - glorification of war
 - arms race
- Alliances
 - more willing to risk war
- Nationalism
 - wanted to prove superiority –ethnic groups demanding independent nations
- Imperialism
 - disputes over colonies
- **Assassination - Immediate Cause “SPARK”** –assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary by Gavrilo Princip a Serbian Nationalist

- **Militarism** Aggressive military preparation; exalting the military ideal: building a military culture
- **Imperialism** One nation taking over a weaker nation to exercise control over it
- **Nationalism** Devotion to the interests of one's nation or having pride in one's country

"All the News That's Fit to Print."

THE WORLD
OF THE TIMES

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 Thrown at Auto.

SLAIN IN SECOND ATTEMPT

LAD TO A SERBIAN PLOT

AGED EMPEROR IS STRICKEN

News from the New York Times (1914): Sarajevo, June 28. The heir of the throne of Austria, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, fell to the sword of a Serb assassin and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were shot and killed by a Bosnian student here today. The first shooting was the second attempt upon the lives of the couple during the day and it proved to have been the work of a political assassin. The morning an archduke Francis



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

of Sarajevo when the archduke knocked the assassin away.
"I don't understand it in any way," he said. "We have come to Sarajevo on a visit and have had a good dinner of it."
The archduke passed a woman and then said: "I don't see what you are doing." The woman followed by

The woman fell in which they were made some attempt to get down, when another Serbian rushed forward and shot at them. Neither the archduke nor the Duchess gave any sign of life and the head of the Imperial army was certain that both were dead.
The victims of both attacks were

Francis Ferdinand was to be married to the Serbians shortly before.
A note of interest is that the assassin of the archduke was not a Serb, but a Bosnian. It is believed that the assassin was a Serb who had been in Sarajevo for some time and was known to the archduke. The assassin was a Serb who had been in Sarajevo for some time and was known to the archduke.

Who started World War I?

▶ SERBIA:

- ▶ failed to stop Serbian nationalists
- ▶ wanted to break-up Austrian Empire

▶ AUSTRIA-HUNGARY:

- ▶ used assassination as an excuse to crush Serbia

▶ GERMANY:

- ▶ failed to stop Austrian aggression

▶ RUSSIA:

- ▶ mobilized troops against Germany & Austria-Hungary

▶ FRANCE:

- ▶ actively supported Russia

▶ BRITAIN:

- ▶ conditions of French support uncertain
- ▶ Encouraged German aggression
- ▶ Joined a war that was none of their business

World War I

Central Powers

- Germany
- Austria
- Ottoman Empire

Allied Powers

- Serbia
- England
- France
- Russia
- Italy
- United States
- Japan

IF YOU TOUCH ME I'LL-

IF YOU MAKE A MOVE I'LL-

IF YOU HIT THAT LITTLE FELLER I'LL-

IF YOU STRIKE MY FRIEND I'LL-

IF YOU HIT HIM-

HO THERE, IF YOU CHAPS-



