WORLD WAR I
Do you agree with the statement: "The enemy of my enemy is my friend?"

- What would you be willing to do (or not do) for your friends?
- What about your family?
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Questions to consider during today’s class:

- What were the underlying and immediate causes of World War I?
- What responsibilities do countries have to one another?
Terms and People

- **Militarism** – the glorification and building up of the military
- **Alliance** - an agreement between two or more nations to cooperate and support one another
- **Imperialism** – Larger countries extending their rule by taking over smaller countries or colonies
- **Nationalism**– extreme pride in one’s nation or ethnic group
What were the causes of World War I?

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, several factors led to rising tensions among European nations.

In 1914, these tensions erupted into the largest war the world had yet seen.

The following factors caused tension in Europe.
Militarism – The glorification of war and the desire to be the strongest
**Militarism** – The newest and the best military technologies (weapons)
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Militarism – A growing arms race between nations
Alliances – Agreements to help each other if one is attacked. “They have each other’s back.”

Most nations signed secret treaties
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Alliances – Two rival sides would emerge

The Triple Entente or Allied Powers
- The United Kingdom
- France
- Russia

The Triple Alliance or Central Powers
- Germany
- Austria-Hungary
- Italy
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Imperialism – Competition for colonies and territories
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Imperialism – smaller wars over territories

All areas of the world that were ever part of the British Empire. Current British Overseas Territories have their names underlined in red.
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Nationalism – pride and love for one’s country

It is a single act of nationalism that will erupt into the Great War...
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June 28, 1914

Archduke of Austria-Hungary, Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie visit Sarajevo.
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A Serbian nationalist assassinates the heir to the Austrian throne and his wife.
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As a result...

Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia on July 28.

Russia mobilizes its army to support Serbia on July 31.

August 1, Germany comes to the aid of Austria-Hungary and declares war on Russia.

On August 3, Germany declares war on Russia’s ally, France.

On August 4, Germany invades neutral Belgium, and before the end of the day Great Britain declares war on Germany.
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The “war to end all wars” has begun.