**Events Leading to World War 1**

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| **Alliances Form*** Triple Alliance, 1882- Germany, Austria, Italy
* Triple Entente, 1904-Russia, France, Britain
* Germany signs treaty with Ottoman Turkey.
* Britain develops relations with Japan.
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| **Tensions Rise*** Powers want to protect status.
* Compete overseas for colonies
* Militarism
* Britain feels threatened by Germany; Germany fears Russia
* Sensational journalism stirs public feelings.
* Nationalism.
* Balkan wars
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| **The War Begins*** Archduke of Austria assassinated by Serbian nationalist.
* Austria gives Serbia ultimatum.
* Serbia will not meet all terms.
* With German support, Austria declares war on Serbia.
* Russia mobilizes; Germany declares war on Russia.
* France supports Russia; Germany declares war on France.
* Germany invades Belgium.
* Britain declares war on Germany.
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