**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. |