

1870 - 71



The Franco - Prussian War. A long history of warfare in Europe. France loses Alsace Lorraine to Germany.

c1820



Once boasting the most powerful empire in Europe. Austria - Hungary begins to weaken.

1882



ALLIANCES

Germany, Austria - Hungary and Italy sign the Triple Alliance.

c1906



The Anglo - German Naval Race heats up. A prime example of MILITARISM.

1907



ALLIANCES

France, Britain and Russia sign the Triple Entente.

c1880



The Scramble for Africa represents a prime example of European IMPERIALISM.

1908



The Bosnian Crisis. Austria - Hungary annexes Bosnia. Serbia had laid claim to Bosnia.

c1861



Italy is formed from several states into a unified country. Growth of NATIONALISM.

June 18th 1914



Gavrilo Princip, a Bos / Serb nationalist assassinates Archduke Ferdinand of Austria -Hungary.

July 1914



The July Crisis - Austria - Hungary blames Serbia for the murder of archduke Ferdinand.

5th July 1914



The July Crisis - The German Kaiser's 'blank cheque' promises German support for Austria - Hungary.

July 29th 1914



The July Crisis - Austria - Hungary attacks Serbia .

July 23rd 1914



The July Crisis - Austria - Hungary issues 10 strict demands to Serbia. Serbia refuses.

July 29th 1914



The July Crisis - Tsar Nicholas II of Russia orders the mobilisation of the Russian army.

1905 - 1906



Moroccan Crisis. Kaiser Wilhelm offers support to the sultan of Morocco - angering Britain + France.

Aug 14th 1914



Germany, Invades Belgium - WW1 has started.