

1) The question of the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand (28/06/1914)

Extra information: this topic is to be brought up just as the first session begins inside the committee. Nations relevant to this event will have to come up and make a statement about this tragic event, typically the delegate that embodies the presence of Franz Joseph I of Austria would demand from Serbia to acknowledge its involvement (whether this was true or false) and to pay back to Austria a large sum of money as reparations. However the actions that the delegate chooses to make are all up to him and the chair's approval.

2) List of nations and their leaders

- **Austro-Hungarian Empire**



Leader: Franz Joseph I of Austria

- **Kingdom of Belgium**



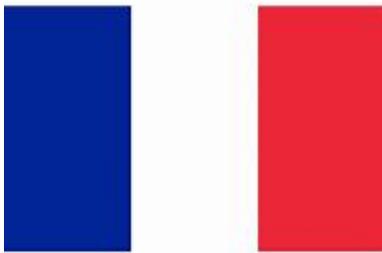
Leader: King Albert I

- **Kingdom of Bulgaria**



Leader: Tsar Ferdinand I

- **French Republic**



Leader: Raymond Poincaré

- **German Empire**



Leader: Kaiser Wilhelm II

- **Kingdom of Greece**



Leader: Eleftherios Venizelos

- **Kingdom of Italy**



Leader: King Vittorio-Emanuele III

- **Empire of Japan**



Leader: The Taishō Emperor (Yoshihito)

- **Emirate of Nejd**



Leader: Ibn Sa'ud

- **Ottoman empire**



Leader: Ismail Enver Pasha

- **Portugal**



Leader: Manuel de Arriaga

- **Kingdom of Romania**



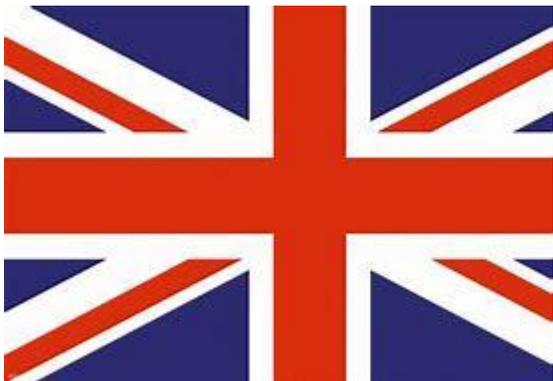
Leader: Carol I

- **Russian empire**



Leader: Tsar Nicholas II

- **British empire**



Leader: King George V

- **United States of America**



Leader: Woodrow Wilson

- **German East Africa**



Governor: Heinrich Albert Schnee

- **Neukamerun**



Governor: Theodor Seitz (note that this man is the governor of all German colonies in West Africa)

- **German New Guinea Samoa And Other Protectorates in the Pacific**



Governor: Albert Hahl

- **Dominion Of Canada**



Prime minister: Robert Borden

- **Union of south africa**



Prime minister: Luis Botha

- **British Raj**



Governor: Lord Hardinge

- **Sultanate of Egypt(British protectorate)**



Leader: Sultan Hussein Kamel

- **Kingdom of Serbia**



Leader: Peter I

- **Republic of Mexico**



Leader: Carranza

3) Introductory information about the actual war

On the 28th of June 1914 Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and his wife Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated during a visit in Sarajevo, Bosnia. The assassin was Gavrilo Princip, a 19-year old Serbian nationalist and member of the Serbian terrorist organization "Black Hand". Even though the government of Serbia denied any involvement, on June 30th Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Count Leopold Berchtold and Emperor Franz Josef agreed that the "policy of patience" with Serbia had to end, and a firm line had to be taken. Austria-Hungary began drawing up an ultimatum, giving their southern neighbors forty-eight hours to respond to ten demands. It was hoped that the ultimatum would be rejected to provide the pretext for war with a neighbor that was considered to be impossibly turbulent. As it was expected, the Serbs didn't fulfil the ridiculous demands that the ultimatum asked for and, therefore, a month later, war was declared. On July 6, Germany had provided its unconditional support to Austria-Hungary's quarrel with Serbia in the so-called "blank cheque." As a result, Germany declared war to

Imperial Russia, who guaranteed Serbia's independence, after a request for a halt general mobilization within twelve hours was rejected by the Tsar, and France, after the latter declined Germany's demand to remain neutral in the case of a Russo-German war. On August 4, Great Britain enters the war, siding with the Entente. The justification was Germany's "Schlieffen Plan", a quick offensive planned against Belgium, in order to outflank the French forces. In just a month, the Powder keg of Europe has exploded. A new form of warfare would be the reason for millions of deaths, nationalism, militarism, imperialism, political competition and their consequences would ravage the people for years to come and, lastly, everyone knew that the entire order of the world would be changed by the victors.

4) A very detailed political map of the world during 1914

<https://www.deviantart.com/sharklord1/art/World-Map-1914-Colored-Improved-745136387>

