

Remember.....

M.A.I.N.

M is for Military



- Britain and Germany were competing with one another to build a bigger and better navy.
- An arms race was on.
- Britain introduced the “Dreadnought” (it even sounded scary). It was a battleship superior to anything else. Germany responded by building its navy.




A is for Alliance



ALLIANCE

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- Countries agree to defend or protect each other during war.
- Triple Entente – Britain, France, Russia (Serbia)
- Triple Alliance – Austria-Hungary, Germany, Italy (switched after war broke out)

-  Allied powers
-  Central powers
-  Neutral countries



I is for Imperialism

- Britain, France, Germany are building power through colonial conquests.
- Land means power.
- Countries felt threatened by one another.

Nationalism

- Germany and Italy were a recently united countries – they felt very nationalistic
- The Balkan states were fighting for their independence from Austria-Hungary – wanted their own nation
- Serbia wanted independence but Austria-Hungary wanted Serbia.



The Spark

It involved a Duke and his wife, a gun, and a nationalist. Mix it all together and you got war!

The Story of the Spark

- Austria-Hungary wanted control of Serbia. Serbia knew this and asked Russia for an alliance.
- Archduke Franz Ferdinand (heir to the throne of Austria – Hungary) and his wife were in Sarajevo, touring, when Gavrilo Princip shot the Archduke, killed him and started WW1
- It was all this man's fault!

