

1914-1918: The Road to War



The Main Idea

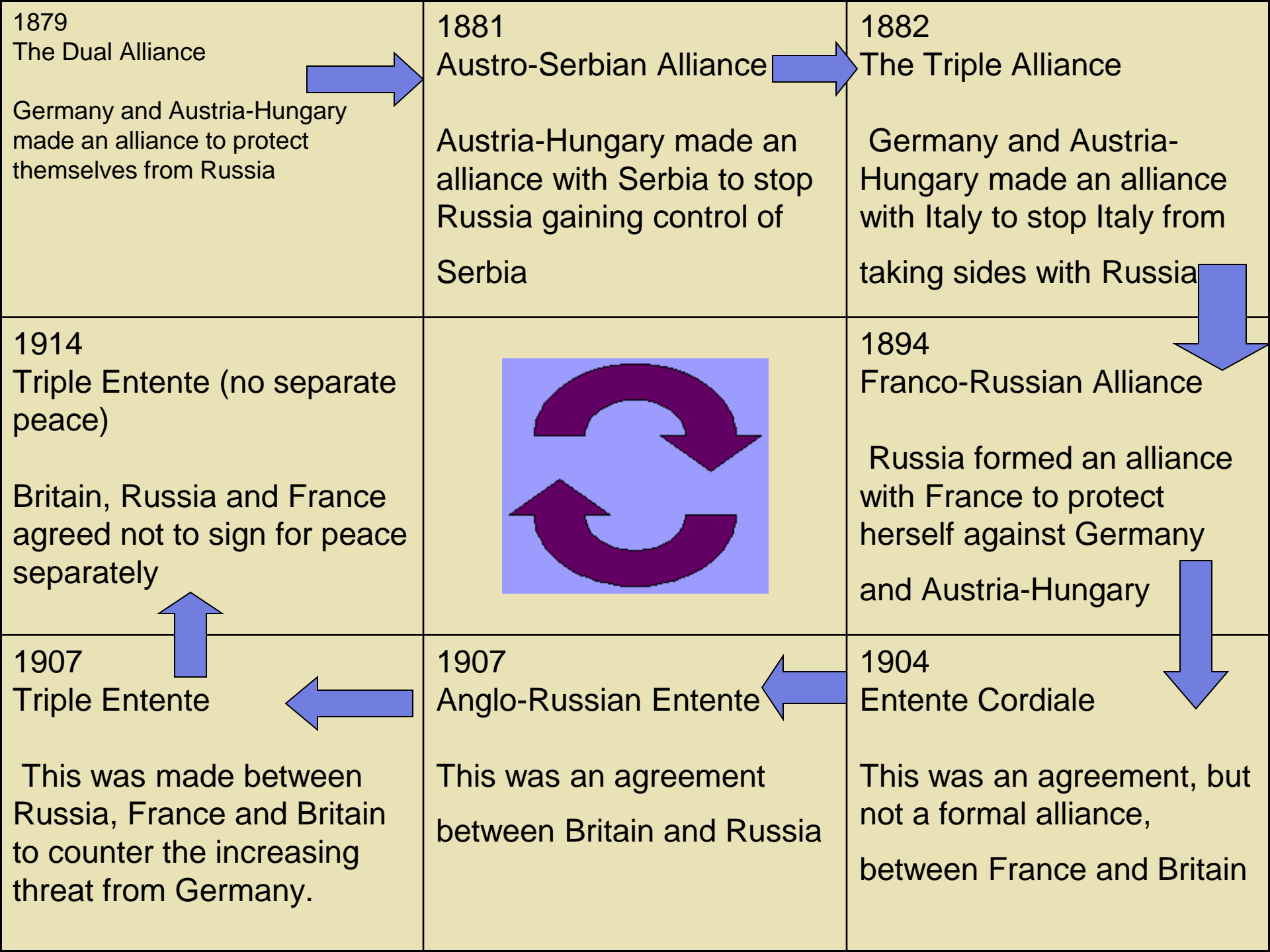
- When World War I began, the United States practiced isolationism and remained neutral. However, events would bring the U.S. into the conflict.



The **MAIN** Causes

- **M**ilitarism
- **A**lliances
- **I**mperialism
- **N**ationalism







The Balkan Peninsula, 1914



GEOGRAPHY SKILLBUILDER: Interpreting Maps

- 1. Place** *What region of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was located along the Adriatic Sea?*
- 2. Location** *Based on the map, why might Serbia have staked a claim to Bosnia and Herzegovina?*

King Frederick William III of Prussia
(1770-1840)

Duchess Louise of Mecklenburg-Strelitz
(1776-1810)

HOHENZOLLERN FAMILY

Tsar Paul I
of Russia
(1754-1801)

Sophie Dorothea
of Württemberg
(1759-1828)

ROMANOV FAMILY

Maria
of Russia
(1786-1859)

Tsar Nicholas I
of Russia
(1796-1855)

Princess Charlotte
of Prussia
(1798-1860)

Wilhelm I
German Emperor
(1797-1888)

Augusta
of Prussia
(1811-1890)

Queen Victoria
of England
(1819-1901)

Prince Albert
of Saxe-Coburg
and Gotha
(1819-1861)

Christian IX
of Denmark
(1818-1906)

Louise
of Hesse-Cassel
(1817-1898)

Tsar Alexander II
of Russia
(1818-1881)

BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY

DANISH ROYAL FAMILY

Frederick III
German Emperor
(1837-1888)

Victoria
of England
(1840-1901)

King Edward VII
of England
(1841-1910)

Alexandra
of Denmark
(1844-1925)

Dagmar
of Denmark
(1847-1928)

Tsar Alexander III
of Russia
(1845-1894)

Kaiser Wilhelm II
German Emperor
(1859-1941)

King George V
King of England
(1865-1936)

Tsar Nicholas II
Emperor of Russia
(1868-1918)



The War Begins

- The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand was "the spark" that ignited Europe into Total War.



Archduke Franz Ferdinand & His Family



The Assassination: Sarajevo



The Assassin:

Gavrilo
Princip



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- Each nation that was in an alliance and had built up their military declared war on the opposite alliance and all of Europe fell into war.



Meanwhile In America



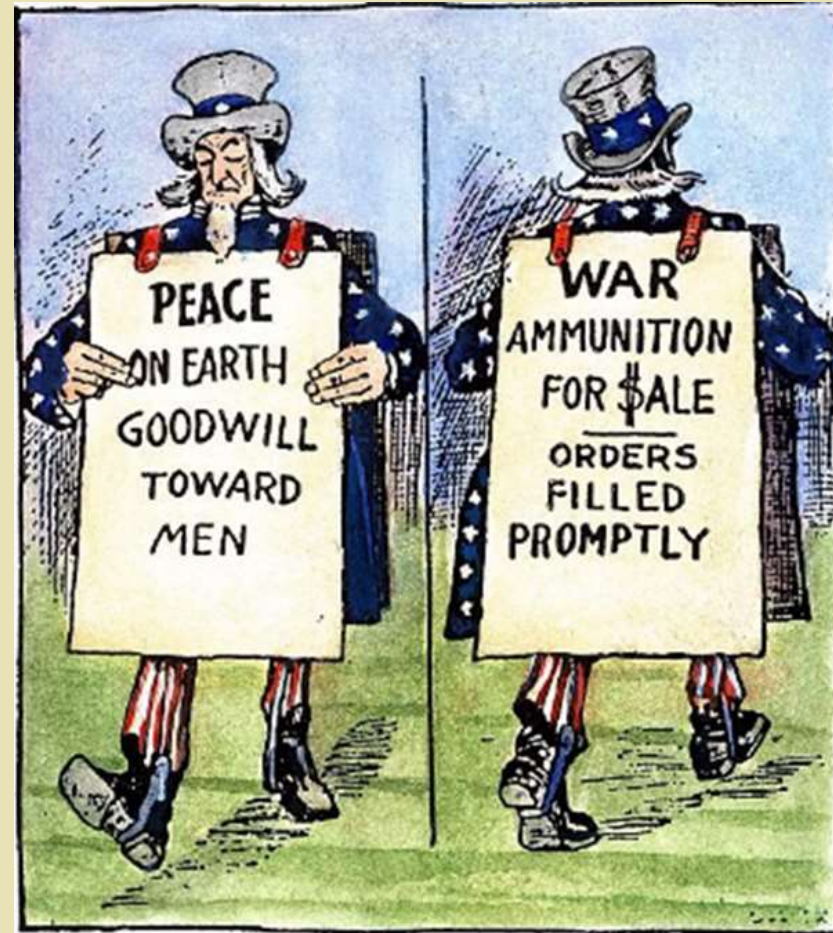
America's Neutrality

- The American public wanted to remain isolated from events in Europe.
- "Why should I get involved in someone else's problems?"



Why was America neutral?

- Economic, cultural and linguistic ties with Britain
- Most Americans were anti-German, especially after they discover plans for industrial sabotage.



American Pacifism

- Many Americans were pacifist and wanted peace and not war.





Impact of Neutrality

- The desire to not be involved in foreign affairs will lead the US to not approve the Treaty of Versailles after World War I.



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LUSITANIA

Fastest and Largest Steamer
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SATURDAY, MAY 1, 10 A. M.
Transylvania, Fri., May 7, 5 P. M.
Orduna, - - Tues., May 18, 10 A. M.
Tuscania, - - Fri., May 21, 5 P. M.
LUSITANIA, Sat., May 29, 10 A. M.
Transylvania, Fri., June 4, 5 P. M.

Gibraltar—Genoa—Naples—Piræus
S.S. Carpathia, Thur., May 13, Noon

NOTICE!

TRAVELLERS intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that, in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or of any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travellers sailing in the war zone on ships of Great Britain or her allies do so at their own risk.

IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 20, 1915.

The Sinking of the Lusitania

"All the News That's Fit to Print"

The New York Times.

EXTRA
9:30 A. M.

VOL. LXXV, NO. 22295. SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1915. NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1915—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES. ONE CENT. ADVERTISING OFFICE.

**LUSITANIA SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, PROBABLY 1,260 DEAD;
TWICE TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST; SINKS IN 15 MINUTES;
CAPT. TURNER SAVED, FROHMAN AND VANDERBILT MISSING;
WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT A GRAVE CRISIS IS AT HAND**

SHOOKS THE PRESIDENT
Washington Deeply Stricken by the Loss of American Lives.

BULLETINS BY WHITE HOUSE
White House: Three Destroyers, but in Doubt as to Nation's Course.

SENATE OF CONGRESS CALL
Senators of Lusitania Revolt First Step of Our Fleet Warning to Germany.

CAPITAL FULL OF GUNBOATS
Reports from Coast Guard to the War Department: Three Destroyers, but in Doubt as to Nation's Course.

Report to the War Dept.
Washington, May 1, 1915. The report of the sinking of the Lusitania, which was sunk by a submarine, has caused a great deal of interest in the United States. The report of the sinking of the Lusitania, which was sunk by a submarine, has caused a great deal of interest in the United States.

The Lost Cunard Steamship Lusitania
X Shows the First Torpedo Struck. - - Shows the Second Torpedo Struck.

SOME DEAD TAKEN ASIDE
Several Hundred Survivors at Queenstown and Bristol.

STEWARD TELLSTORY
The Captain's Order to the United States Navy, and the English Navy.

SHIP LISTS SENT TO FBI
Matter of Lusitania, the President's Message to the Senate.

ATTACKED IN BRAD 241
Passenger on Lusitania Steamer Has Been Taken by German Submarine.

Only 650 Were Saved
APPROXIMATELY 650 survivors of the Lusitania were taken to Queenstown, Ireland, after the ship was sunk by a submarine.



The Sinking of the Lusitania

- A German U-Boat (submarine) sank the Lusitania killing 128 Americans.
- Wilson responded with a diplomatic warning.



Economic Links

- The U.S. government was officially neutral.
- U.S. businesses were providing goods to the British and French.
- U.S. Banks had loaned the British and French \$3 Billion Dollars.



The War Debate

- Following the Lusitania, the country was divided on the War.
- Some proposed preparing the military and country for war.
- Others campaigned against the war.

Election of 1916

- Wilson is re-elected because he "kept us out of war."





Decision for War

- The Germans began unrestricted submarine warfare.
- Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany.

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Decision for War

- Zimmerman Telegram → Germany sent Mexico a message asking the to ally with Germany and go to war with the U.S.
- They promised Mexico lands in the Southwest United States.
- Angered the American People.

The Zimmerman Telegram

MAILED TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

RECEIVED
October 1-8-08
Washington, State Dept.

By *Mark A. Edsall*

Date *Oct 27, 1918*

FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of America neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, ~~write~~ ^{invite} Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIMMERMAN.



Decision for War

- The Russian Revolution →
Russia was not a
democracy and when they
left the war, it removed a
barrier to U.S. entry to
the war.



April 2, 1917

- The United States declares war on Germany and enters World War I.



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The New York Times.

THE WEATHER

Fair - colder today; tomorrow warmer;
to probably rain; wind north-west;
at 10:00 - 10:00 - 10:00 - 10:00

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STRONGER NAVY, NEW ARMY OF 500,000 MEN,
FULL CO-OPERATION WITH GERMANY'S FOES**

**The Yanks
Are Coming!**



Order of Operations

- Complete the World War I entry assignment.

