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What were the reasons for WWI?

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- terrorist
- troops
- archduke
- duchess

Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand

- The Archduke and his wife went to Sarajevo, in Bosnia to inspect troops and to open a museum.
- They were met at Sarajevo station to be escorted to the Town Hall in a party of 6 cars.
- By mistake, three police officers got in the first car and the Archduke and the Duchess ended up in the third car, which was an open topped sports car.
- A bomb was thrown by a member of the Black Hand, which bounced off the archduke's car and exploded under the car behind wounding nearly 20 people.
- Rather than continue with their plans, Franz Ferdinand and Sophie decided to visit the wounded in hospital.
- On the way, another member of the Black Hand, Gavrilo Princip, fired two shots at the Archduke and Duchess. Sophie died before they got to hospital and her husband died shortly afterwards. Sophie was pregnant.
- Gavrilo Princip was arrested by Police.

Consequences

- The Austro-Hungarian government saw the assassination as a direct attack on their country, thinking that Serbians had helped the Bosnian terrorists.
- Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

Key historical figures

- Archduke Franz Ferdinand - the heir of the Austro-Hungarian throne
- Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg – the wife of the Archduke
- Gavrilo Princip - a Bosnian Serb man who shot the Archduke and his wife
- The Black Hand – a secret society who wanted to end Austro-Hungarian rule in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Map of European Alliances

