





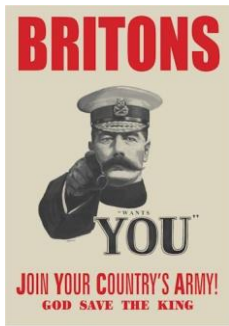


## History Knowledge Organiser HT5 - How did the Great War change Britain's position in the world?

<p><b>What caused the outbreak of the Great War?</b></p> <p><u>Long term causes</u></p> <p>Militarism - many countries built large armies and navies.</p> <p>Alliances - the alliances formed fuelled tension and caused unease.</p> <p>Imperialism - European nations were creating empires.</p> <p>Nationalism - all countries were looking out for their own interests.</p> <p><u>Short term cause</u></p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> June 1914- Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand</p> <p>A member of the Austrian royal family and heir to the throne was sent to Sarajevo-the capital of Bosnia- a country which Austria had just taken over.</p> <p>Assassinated by Gavrilo Princip - a member of the Black Hand Gang which opposed the Austrian takeover of Serbia. This led to the Austro-Hungarians declaring war on Serbia.</p>	<p><b>So who fought who?</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Britain</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>France</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Russia</p>  </div> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0 10px;">v</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Germany</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Austria-Hungary</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Italy</p>  </div> </div>	<p><b>What was the Schlieffen Plan?</b></p> <p>One of the initial offensive attacks launched by the Germans and concocted by Field Marshal Alfred Von Schlieffen.</p> <p>It was a plan to attack France on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914 to capture France</p> <p>Why did it fail?</p> <p>The Russians were ready much earlier than the Germans expected and sent troops to the Eastern Front</p> <p>Belgium refused the Germans permission to go through their country which slowed down the French invasion</p> <p>The British arrived on 23<sup>rd</sup> August to resist the Germans - something they didn't anticipate.</p>
<p><b>Recruitment</b></p> <p>Lord Kitchener, Minister of Propaganda, began a propaganda campaign to recruit soldiers for war. He commissioned posters and pamphlets. By March 1916, 2.5million men had volunteered to join up.</p>	<p><b>Life in the trenches</b></p> <p>Trench life was a horrific experience for soldiers.</p> <p><b>Trench foot:</b> The wet and muddy conditions caused feet to swell up and go black. The flesh would go rotten and be terribly pain.</p> <p><b>Lice:</b> They soon became infected with lice in the dirty trenches</p> <p><b>Rats:</b> The dirty conditions attracted rats to the trenches. They carried diseases.</p> <p><b>Toilets:</b> There was no running water or sewage pipes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Key dates of 1914</b></p> <p><b>June 28</b> - Archduke Franz Ferdinand, prince to the Austria-Hungary throne, is assassinated</p> <p><b>July 23</b> - Austria-Hungary demands Serbia pay for the assassination of Franz Ferdinand.</p> <p><b>July 28</b> - Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia. Russia begins mobilizing its troops.</p> <p><b>Aug 1</b> - Germany declares war on Russia.</p> <p><b>Aug 3</b> - Germany declares war on France</p> <p><b>Aug 4</b> - Germany invades Belgium. Britain declares war on Germany.</p>



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