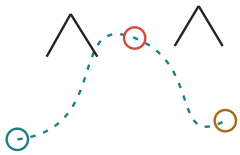
Causes of World War I



Name _____ Date _____

1 Recall, then make a connection.

Start from memory. Write a meaning or quick example for each term.

Ultimatum	Mobilization	Escalation

How could an ultimatum and mobilization contribute to escalation? Explain why describing those mechanisms is more precise than claiming that war followed automatically from a single event.

Context for the task

The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand on 28 June 1914 triggered a crisis in a Europe already shaped by imperial rivalry, military planning, nationalism, and alliance relationships. Those conditions mattered, but they did not remove leaders' choices. Decisions during July and August expanded a regional crisis into a much wider war.

2 Build the sequence.

The dated dispatch rail

Use these exact supplied dates.

Put the dispatches in chronological order.

A. 23 July 1914: Austria-Hungary sends an ultimatum to Serbia.

B. 28 July 1914: Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia.

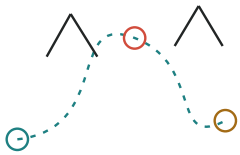
C. 4 August 1914: Germany invades Belgium and Britain declares war on Germany.

D. 28 June 1914: Franz Ferdinand is assassinated.

Sequence: _____ -> _____ -> _____ -> _____

Explain one connection between two neighboring steps.

Evidence, application & transfer.



3 Read the evidence closely.

Test the alliance-only claim

Claim: "Alliance commitments automatically explain every decision, so leaders had no choices."

Select all evidence that challenges it.

A. Diplomatic correspondence debates alternative responses.

B. A government delays or qualifies support while weighing its interests.

C. A map shows the existence of two alliance groupings.

D. An alliance text lists assistance obligations but does not record how leaders interpreted them during the crisis.

Selections: _____ Explain your reasoning:

4 Apply the idea.

The explanatory headline

Which headline best fits the evidence?

Choose a precise synthesis.

A. A regional trigger became a wider war through interacting pressures and government decisions.

B. One assassination mechanically caused every later event without choices.

C. Long-term rivalry alone makes dates and decisions irrelevant.

My choice: _____ Explain why it fits:

5 Carry the idea forward.

Write a July Crisis explanation linking one long-term pressure, the assassination, and two later decisions. Explain one policy mechanism that increased conflict while avoiding a claim of inevitability.