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## WHAT WERE THE M.A.I.N. CAUSES OF WORLD WAR I

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the attached packet on the following pages. Answer the following questions after reading “What Were the Underlying Causes of World War I?”

1. Which countries were part of which alliance?

<i><u>Triple Alliance</u></i>	<i><u>Triple Entente</u></i>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

2. The reading doesn't say so exactly, but how do you think the European powers thought this alliance system might help preserve a balance of power?

3. Summarize in 3-4 sentences the tensions that existed between and within nations in the late 1800s/early 1900s.

4. Where in Europe are the Balkans? Why were they considered a powder keg?

5. Why did the Serbian Gavrilo Princip kill Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne?