Causes of World War I (starts in 1914)

- Long term causes
  - MAIN
    - Militarism
      - Naval buildup
        - Germany and Britain increased size of navy
        - British Dreadnought (warship)
      - Land army build up
        - France and Germany increased size of army
    - Alliances
      - Both sides created alliances that ensured one would help the other in the event of a war
      - Triple Alliance (central powers)
        - Germany, Italy (until 1915), Austria-Hungary
      - Triple Entente (Allies)
        - France, Britain, Russia, Italy (1915), USA (1917)
    - Imperialism
      - European powers competed for African colonies
        - needed raw materials
  - Nationalism
    - Revanche
      - French desire revenge against Germany
    - Pan-Germanism
      - make Germany an imperial and military power
    - Serbian (Balkans) nationalism
      - Serbia wants independence of all Slavs from Austria
      - "Powder keg of Europe"

- Immediate causes
  - Archduke of Austria-Hungary, Franz Ferdinand visited Sarajevo, Bosnia
    - was assassinated by Serbian nationalist on June 28, 1914