

World War I notes

- **Short-term cause-** The assassination of Austro-Hungarian emperor, **Arch Duke Ferdinand** was the spark that set off the War.

** Austria- declared war on Serbia. Other countries followed.*

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- Central Powers
- Austria-Hungary, Germany, Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria.
- Allied Powers
- Serbia, Russia, France, Great Britain, Japan, Italy, and 15 smaller countries

Fighting in the war

- A **stalemate** in the war led to **trench warfare**
- Advances in weaponry were **tanks**, airplanes, **machine guns**, poison gas, **submarines** (U boats)
- Both sides wanted **America** to join them and America was selling products to both sides of the war.
- Sinking of the **Lusitania** (a passenger vessel) and the interception of the **Zimmerman Telegram** eventually caused America to join in the war on the side of the **Allied Powers**.