

M.A.I.N. CAUSES OF WWI



“The War to End All Wars”

Quick Facts on WWI



- ❧ Who? The world's great powers (the Allies vs. the Central Powers)
- ❧ What? One of the largest, deadliest wars in history
- ❧ When? July 1914 – Nov. 1918
- ❧ Where? Mostly in Europe
- ❧ Why? 5 M.A.I.N. Causes
 - ❧ M = Militarism
 - ❧ A = Alliances
 - ❧ I = Imperialism
 - ❧ N = Nationalism
 - ❧ + = The Spark (dun, dun, dunnnnn)



MILITARISM

- ❧ Militarism = belief that strong military is needed to protect the nation
- ❧ Imperialism → increase in military
 - ❧ Military needed to protect colonies
- ❧ Arms race across Europe
 - ❧ England and Germany competed for best navy
- ❧ New weapons were invented
 - ❧ Flamethrowers
 - ❧ Grenades
 - ❧ Machine guns
 - ❧ Poison gas
 - ❧ Tanks
 - ❧ Trench mortars



Alliances Map



ALLIANCES: TRIPLE ALLIANCE



- ❧ 1800s – Alliances made to maintain balance of power
- ❧ Triple Alliance = Austria-Hungary (A.H.), Germany, Italy
 - ❧ Germany (Kaiser Wilhelm II) started the alliance – wanted to prevent a 2-front war → strengthened its power
 - ❧ A.H. was anti-Russia (competed against Russia for land)
 - ❧ Italy joined for protection (was mad at France)



ALLIANCES: TRIPLE ENTENTE



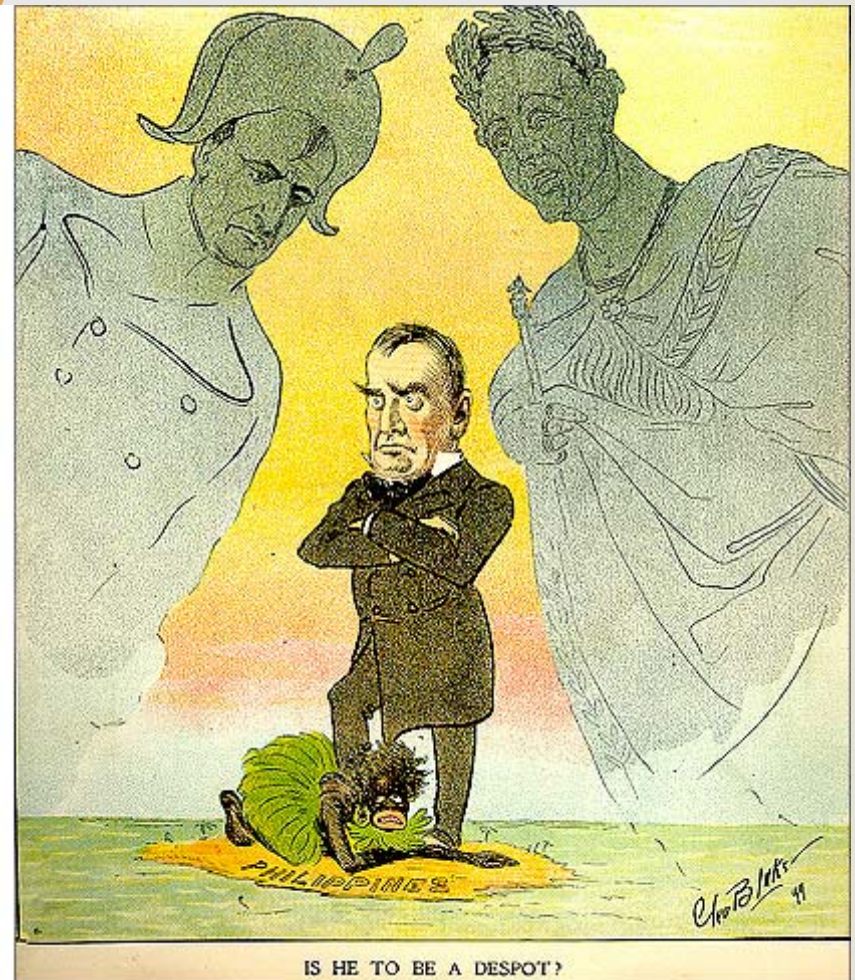
- ☞ Triple Entente (pron: *on-tont*) = France, England, Russia
 - ☞ France was anti-Germany, so was Russia = alliance
 - ☞ Russia was also anti-A.H.
 - ☞ England joined b/c they feared Germany's growing military power (arms race)



IMPERIALISM



- ❧ Larger world empires = more power
- ❧ European countries competed for colonies around the world
- ❧ Colonies provided natural resources for industrialization
- ❧ Once war started, colonies were automatically included



IMPERIALISM → WORLD AT WAR



NATIONALISM



- ❧ Great pride for country
- ❧ Led to countries believing they were better than other countries
- ❧ Diverse cultures wanted to be independent, fight for their own country



THE SPARK

☞ The Black Hand Gang

- ☞ Serbian nationalists hated A.H. for taking Bosnia (lots of Serbs lived there)
- ☞ Planned to assassinate the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the A.H. throne
- ☞ Gavrilo Princip kills Archduke & wife when they visited Bosnia
- ☞ A.H. demands justice
- ☞ Serbian government denies involvement
- ☞ A.H. declares war on Serbia
- ☞ WAR HAS BEGUN!!!!



TANGLEMENT OF ALLIANCES

