

WWI IN A NUTSHELL

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A. Complete the sentences and short paragraphs with the words in the box below, while watching the video:

The spark, Mobilization, Race, Balance of power, mid 19th, multi-national, fear, hayware, Honor, Otto von Bismarck, Franz Ferdinand, patriotism, 28th,

1. Well, on June 1914 Austrian Archduke was assassinated by Gravrilo Princip, a Serbian nationalist and WWI **broke out**!

2. People like, saw the war coming decades earlier.

3. Nationalism - an extreme form of which expressed itself in many ways - became the dominant ideology in 19th century in Europe. Some even saw it as a natural **stage** in evolution. So many Europeans were actually **eager** to fight for land,, and country.

4. **Disturbance** in the: The unification of Italy and of Germany in the century, The **crumbling** of the 500- year-old Ottoman Empire, an unstable post-revolution France and an Austro-Hungary **struggling** to sustain a Empire in an era of nationalism disturbed an equilibrium that had kept Europe together for centuries.

5. A **Tangled** Web of Alliances That Went: In the decades prior to the war, many nations created a web of alliances. The result was that almost any declaration of war or even of military power by a relatively small country could create a domino effect, **sucking** more and more countries into conflicts they had no interest in.

6. Offensive Military Theory: **Prominent** military theories in the early twentieth century gave utmost importance to the side who **struck** first. So, just the of being attacked began an unstoppable " to War."

7. Whether it was one or some combination of these reasons, it is pretty clear that Europe

was already sitting on a **powder keg** destined to explode. "The Shot heard 'round the world" was merely

B. Look for **synonyms** for the words or expressions in **bold** in activity A:

-Begin:

-Twisted:

-Disintegration:

-Main:

-Gunpowder barrel:

-Involve:

-Enthusiastic:

-Fighting

-Beat:

-Step:

-Trouble:

C.Find out the **meaning** of this idiom: “**The writing was on the wall**” and **explain** its relation with the information given in the video.

D.According to the information given in the video, which are the **main reasons** that led to the **outbreak of the WWI**? **Write a short paragraph in which you explain them in your own words:**

E.Give a definition for the expression “**Balance of power**” in your own words

F.Watch the video carefully and guess which was the **main consequence** for the **Austro-Hungary empire** once the war finished?

G.Write the **three alliances** mentioned in the video and look for the **countries** which belonged to them

H. **Look for** information about **Otto von Bismarck**, **Franz Ferdinand** and **Gravriolo Princip** and **write a short biography of them** according to the **following points:**

A.Nationality

B.Political ideology

B.Role in his country

C.Decisions made FOR or AGAINST the outbreak of the WWI and reasons that led them to act like this.