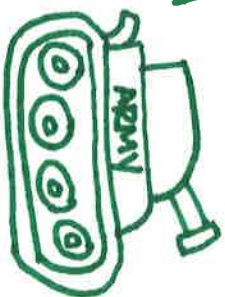


Causes of WWI

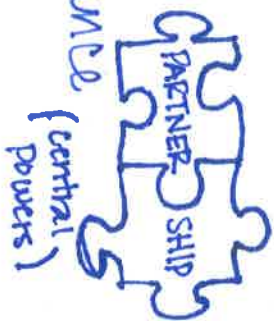
Militarism

- Building up military
- Prepared for war
- Military spending ↑ 300%
- Naval arms rival
- glorification



Alliances

- collective security
- Triple Entente (allies)
 - France
 - B.B.
 - Russia
- Triple Alliance (central powers)
 - Germany
 - Italy
 - Austria-Hungary



Imperialism

- colonial rivalries
- willingness to dominate others
- conquer weaker nations
- seen as power symbol



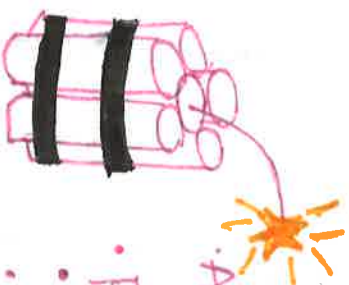
Nationalism

- pride of one's nation
- feel superior to other countries
- deep rooted rivalries
- patriotism → aggression



The Balkans

- "Powder keg"
- many ethnicities
 - Pan-Slavism
- ↑ Nationalism
- Fear of uprisings
- minority populations



Assassination

- "shot heard 'round the world"
- Archduke Franz Ferdinand killed
 - AH → Sarajevo
- princip → Balkan
- AH sent ultimatum → denied
- AH declares war on Serbia
- July 28, 1914