

The Spark of War

The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand

(Not the band)





Assassination: Important People

Franz Ferdinand

- Archduke of Austria-Hungary
- Next in line to the throne of A-H
- Inspector general of the A-H army
- Loved his wife



Assassination: Important People



Sophie Chotek

- Franz Ferdinand's wife
- A countess (unsuitable for an imperial Hapsburg marriage)
- Could not sit by her husband's side in public except when he was acting in a military capacity

Assassination: Important People

Gavrilo Princip

- A student, 19 years old
- A member of the Serbian nationalist group called, **The Black Hand**
- Shot and killed Franz Ferdinand and his wife, Sophie



Timeline of Events

June 28th, 1914

- Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie go to the city of Sarajevo, in the province of Bosnia, in the country of Austria-Hungary to inspect the army. It is their anniversary.
- A bomb was thrown at their open car, but missed.
- They went into the town hall.
- They left town hall and got back in the car.
- Gavrilo Princip shot FF in the neck, and shot Sophie in the stomach, killing both.



The Aftermath

- July 23, 1914 – AH demands to enter Serbia
- July 25, 1914 – Serbia refuses
- July 28, 1914 – A-H declares war on Serbia
- July 29, 1914 – Russia agrees to help Serbia
- July 30, 1914 – Germany issues ultimatum to Russia
- Aug. 1, 1914 – Germany declares war on Russia
- Aug. 2, 1914 – Germany invades Belgium
- Aug. 3, 1914 – Germany declares war on France
- Aug. 4, 1914 – Great Britain declares war on Germany