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World War I Begins

As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Describe how imperialism, nationalism, and militarism pushed Europe closer to war.
- Identify the key event that sparked World War I.
- Trace how the alliance system drew nations into the war.

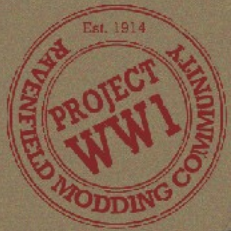
Alliances

In the late 1800s, European countries were forming alliances with one another

The Triple Alliance- Germany, Italy, & Austria-Hungary AKA the central powers

Entente- Nonbinding agreement to follow common policies

The Triple Entente- Britain, France, Russia AKA The allies



What Caused WWI?***

Germany began to grow rapidly & expanded its economy & military, this worried Britain & France.

Militarism- The glorification of the military

Great powers began to build up their Armies & Navys & began an arms race

Nationalism erupted in the region & France sought to regain land lost in the Prussian War

The Balkan wars saw Turkey losing land to the Balkan states rising tensions in the region

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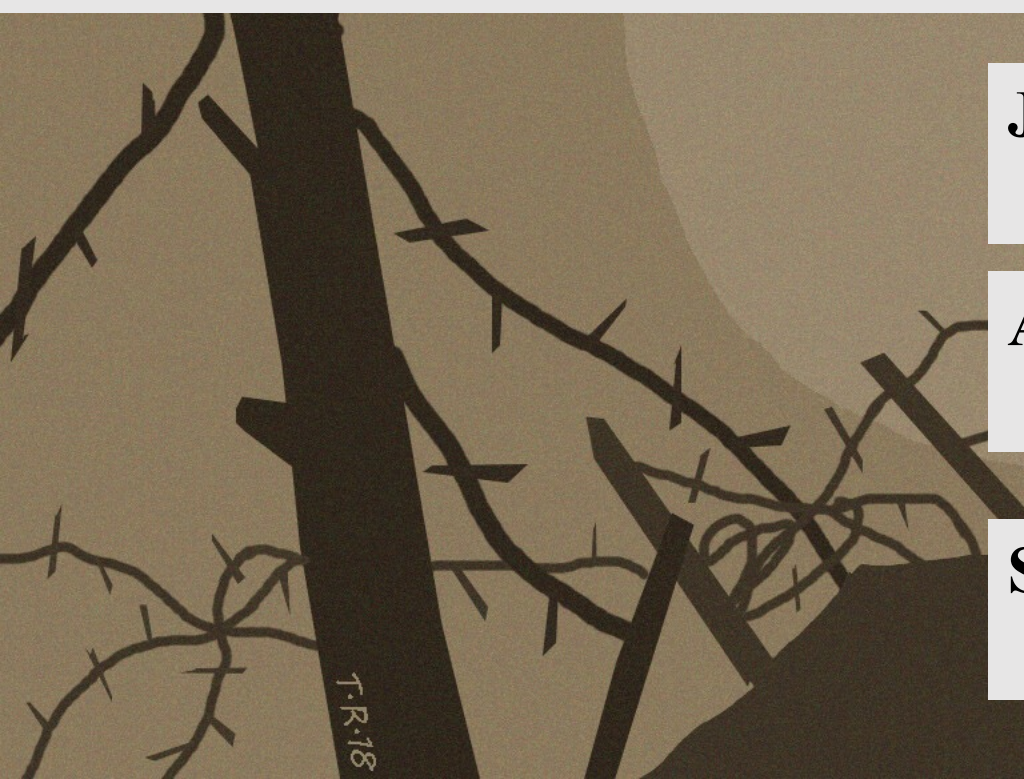
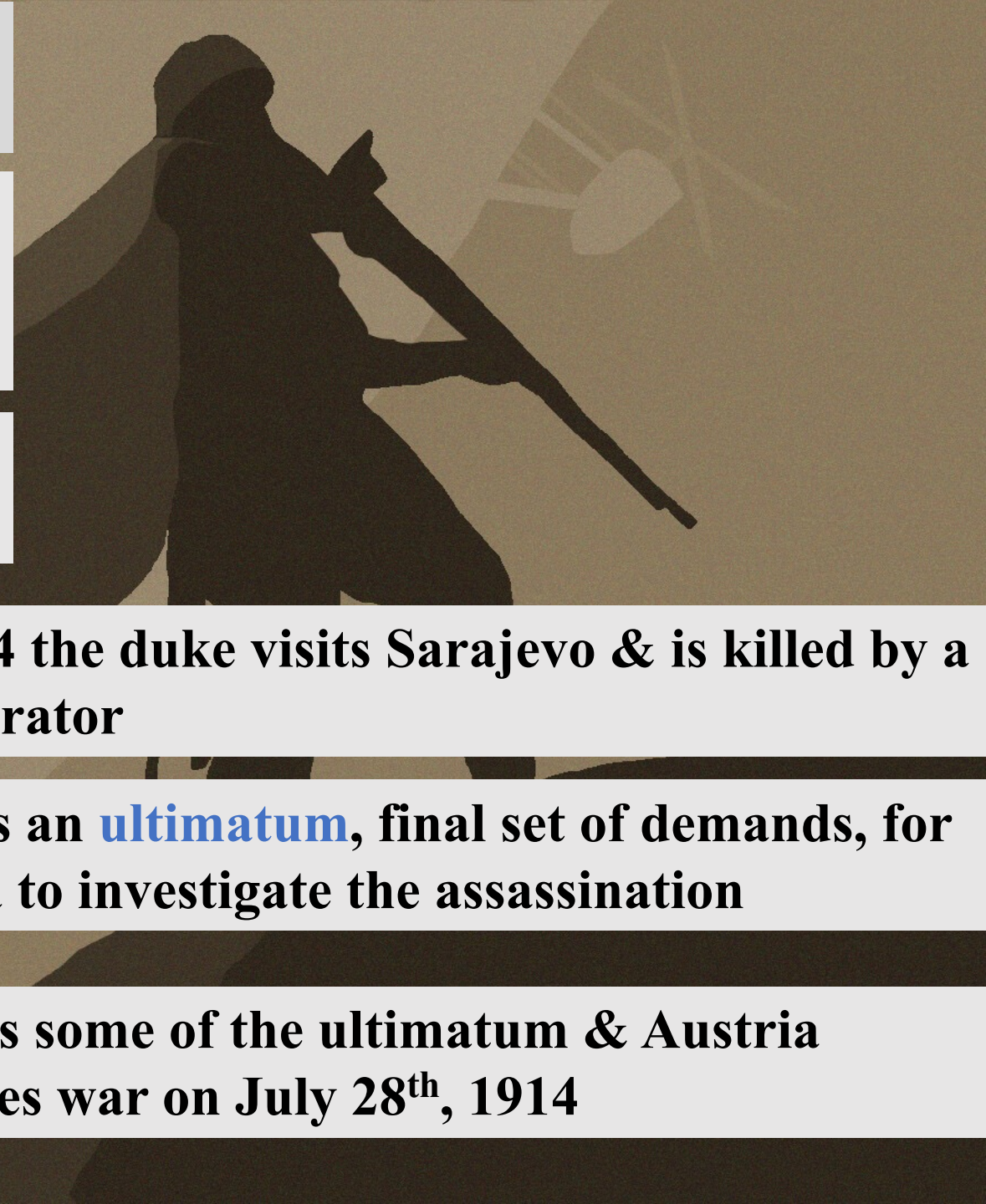
Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary announced he would visit Bosnia

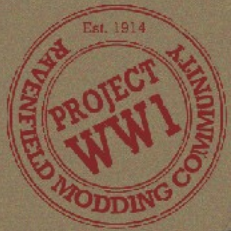
This angered a Serbian Terrorist group called the Black Hand & they vowed action

June 8th, 1914 the duke visits Sarajevo & is killed by a conspirator

Austria sends an **ultimatum**, final set of demands, for Serbia to investigate the assassination

Servia refuses some of the ultimatum & Austria declares war on July 28th, 1914





Alliance System & War

Most wars of the time were known as “summer wars” in that they were very quick

Alliances made WWI VERY complicated & would drag the war for years

Russia began to mobilize, prepare its army, to defend Serbia & Germany declared war

France supported Russia so Germany declares war on France

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The background of the slide is a dark, sepia-toned illustration. It depicts a soldier in silhouette, standing in a trench and holding a long rifle. In the foreground, there are tangled, dark silhouettes of barbed wire. The sky in the background is a lighter, mottled brown. The overall mood is somber and historical.

Italy chooses neutrality, choosing no side for a war, as did Britain...

Germany invades Belgium to try to attack France & Britain declares war.

Who's fault was the war?