

THE CAUSES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Put a title "Countdown to war" in your exercise book.

1. Draw a table, with two headings – Date and Event.
2. Using your resources, put each date with the correct event, and write them into your table.

DATES

- 1st August 1914
- 4th August 1914
- 28th June 1914
- 4th August 1914
- 28 July 1914
- 3rd August 1914
- 6th August 1914
- 13th August 1914
- 29th July 1914

Events:

- Due to the **alliances**, Germany declares war on Russia
- Germany declared war on France
- Germany invaded Belgium
- Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife are shot dead by the Serb Student Gavrilo Princip
- Austro-Hungary declared war on Russia
- Due to her **alliance**, Russia mobilises her army to support Serbia
- Britain declared war on Germany
- France and Britain declare war on Austro-Hungary
- Unsatisfied by Serbia's response to an ultimatum, Austro-Hungary declared war on Serbia

IN FULL SENTENCES:

3. Using your table, explain **why** the murder of Archduke Ferdinand led to the outbreak of war. (2 marks)
4. Explain what the Schlieffen Plan was – why couldn't Germany attack France directly? (2 marks)
5. From the text book and all the causes you have studied, which do you think was the most important cause? Explain your answer in detail. (3 marks)
6. "War between Britain and Germany was **inevitable**". Do you agree? (3 marks)

Glossary

Chronology – placing events and dates in the order they happened.
Alliance – agreement between two countries.
Inevitable – certain to happen.