

Alliances

On 4 August 1914, Germany was fighting Russia, France, Britain, & Belgium--all supposedly to support Austria-Hungary.

However, Austria-Hungary was still at peace with all of them. Yet, Germany was **NOT** at war or fighting against Serbia, the only country with which Austria-Hungary was at war.

According to Austria-Hungary, Serbia was the country that posed the threat to Austria-Hungary's existence. Austria-Hungary was fearful of the divisive effect of its 12 nationality groups.

1. Copy the **Alliance** and **War** arrows. Make a **KEY**.
2. Who started the war? **EXPLAIN**.
3. How does the chart depict **TWO** wars?
4. The alliance between which two countries is perhaps the greatest cause of igniting a World War? What is "ironic" about it?
5. What is Serbia's relationship to Great Britain? In other words, was it in Britain's interest to fight for Serbia? Were they actually fighting for Serbia?
6. Follow this to its logical conclusion. In 1917, the United States entered this war against Germany. Why would we join a war to protect the country who was suspected of supporting an act of terrorism? (Serbia had already been conquered by 1917.)





The Crime of the Ages---Who Did It?

This cartoon appeared in the *Chicago Tribune* after the outbreak of World War I in 1914. Study the cartoon and answer the questions that follow.

1. What is "the crime of the ages"?
2. Why are the nations of Europe pointing at each other?
3. How do you think supporters of the war in Russia and Austria would have felt about this cartoon?
4. What was the cartoonist probably saying to the American public?
5. Do you think the cartoonist was right? **EXPLAIN.**
6. What other caption might be appropriate for this cartoon?