

Background: World War 1 was centered in Europe, and started on July 28th, 1914 and ended on November 11th, 1918. Before the war started, Serbia was attempting to gain control of Bosnia, however they were having trouble due to the interference of Austria-Hungary. Austria-Hungary was trying to help Bosnia become an independent country to avoid future imperialism. If Bosnia became an independent country, Serbia would not be able to take control and make Bosnia part of their country. In an effort to stop Austria-Hungary from helping Bosnia, Serbia planned the assassination of Austria-Hungary's Archduke. When the Archduke and his wife were assassinated, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. This was the start of World War 1 in which 15 million people died and leaving 20 million injured. This war was ranked as one of the deadliest conflicts in human history.

Problem: The two main problems that were responsible for starting the war were the allies, and the assassination of the Archduke. The assassination of the Archduke sparked the whole war, but the allies were the reason the war affected the whole world. Acting out of anger, and in seek of revenge after the murder of their Archduke, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. As a result of alliances, many countries were dragged into the war. Alliances were made before war, in hopes of adding extra protection to one's country. It is easier to win a war with more people and so many countries created alliances with each other, promising to back each other if one was to go to war. However in this case alliances might have done more harm than help.

Solution: It would be very difficult to avoid a world war in the future, because it is not possible to control everyone's actions, and it is impossible for everyone in the world to agree on rules/laws. While alliances did make a war between two countries turn into a world war, there is also a positive side to having alliances. Alliances can help countries support each other in their time of need, therefore it would be difficult to get rid of alliances all together. While spending less money on military may seem like it could help, it may not. Countries will always feel threatened by one another, and if there are rumors of one country building up their army, all of it's neighboring countries will do the same in fear. In conclusion, our opinion is, no matter what, there will always be world conflict; another murder, another bombing, another terrorism attack. Whether it happens to us or our neighbors. In the end we are the same people we were back then, history can repeat itself, the only thing we can do is hope it won't.

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