

The Outbreak of World War One

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Activity 1: Put the following events in chronological order.

Britain asks for peace conference

Russia mobilises

Assassination of Franz Ferdinand

Germany invades Belgium

Austria invades Serbia

France declares war on Germany

Germany gives “blank cheque” to Austria

Austria gives ultimatum to Serbia

Germany demands Russia stops mobilisation – Czar unable to do this

Russia pledges support for Serbia

Activity 2: Answer the following questions in the boxes provided (the boxes will ‘grow’ to fit your answers).

Why...?

1. ...was Franz Ferdinand assassinated?

2. ...did Austria send an ultimatum to Serbia?

3. ...did Serbia accept most, but not all, of the Austrian demands?

4. ...did Russia support Serbia?

5. ...did Germany give the “blank cheque” to Austria?

6. ...did Russia mobilise?

7. ...did Germany demand that Russia stop mobilisation?

8. ...did Russia not do so?

9. ...did Britain suggest an international conference?

10. ...did Germany say no to this?

11. ...did Germany attack France rather than Russia?

12. ...did Germany invade via Belgium?

13. ...did Britain declare war on Germany?