**July Crisis Reading Questions**

Read the following web page and answer the following questions:

[July Crisis Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-july-crisis-reading/)

1. What were the four main causes of World War One?
2. What event in July 1914 ultimately triggered the start of World War One?
3. Who was the man waiting to inherit the Austrian-Hungarian empire in 1914?
4. Why was the Austrian-Hungarian empire struggling during this time?
5. Which region wanted to break away from Austrian-Hungarian control and join Serbia?
6. Why did Franz Ferdinand decide to visit Sarajevo on 28th June 1914?
7. What was the name of the group that planned to attack Franz Ferdinand during his visit?
8. How many young men from The Black Hand agreed to undertake the attack on Franz Ferdinand?
9. What happened during the first assassination attempt on Franz Ferdinand's life on 28th June 1914?
10. Who was the assassin that successfully killed Franz Ferdinand and his wife?
11. Why did the Austro-Hungarian government see the death of Franz Ferdinand as an opportunity?
12. Which major country had an alliance with Serbia and promised to protect them?
13. What did Austria-Hungary do to ensure protection against a potential Russian counterattack?
14. What did the German Kaiser, Wilhelm II, promise Austria-Hungary on 6th July 1914?
15. What was the significance of the ultimatum issued by Austria-Hungary to Serbia on 23rd July 1914?
16. On which date did Austria-Hungary formally declare war on Serbia?
17. Why did Germany send a formal demand to Russia on 31st July 1914?
18. Why did Germany plan to invade France through Belgium?
19. What treaty committed Britain to defend Belgium if it was invaded?
20. On which date did World War One officially begin with the invasion of Belgium by German troops?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your reading, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What were the* [*causes and consequences*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/causes-and-consequences/) *of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand?*