



**Speaker:** The political landscape for the industrialized world in the first part of the 20th century is dominated by World War One and the Great Depression. World War One is sometimes called the Great War. The theater for the war was so huge and the weaponry so deadly that it surely seemed that the four horsemen of the apocalypse had gotten busy and it spawned an awful lot of offspring.

Scholars debate as to what the real causes were that started the war. What everybody can agree on is that the catalyst that triggered the flashpoint was the assassination of Austro-Hungarian Archduke Franz Ferdinand. He was assassinated in Sarajevo which is now part of Bosnia Herzegovina by the Serbian national whose political agenda was the independence for the Southern Slav states which were under the rule of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

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