

Social Studies - Grade 8 Chapter 6: World War 1

War Begins for Newfoundland

- World War 1 started with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, in Sarajevo on June 28th, 1914 by a group of Serbian Nationalist (Gavrilo Princip: One of the Assassins).
- As a result a war escalated and on one side with Austria-Hungary being joined by Germany and Italy. They were known as the Central Powers, while on the other side there was Russia, Britain, and France along with the States and Japan. They were called the Allies (friends). World War 1 during its time became known as the "war to end all wars".
- Canada and Newfoundland entered into the war as they were colonies of Britain. Other colonies who joined were Australia and New Zealand.
- Newfoundland joined because they felt that if harm came to Britain then their security and democracy would be threatened. (democracy: rule by the people where each individual has a vote)
- The United States joined the war officially on April 6th, 1917 due to attacks by unrestricted submarine warfare by Germany. This seriously threatened America's commercial shipping.
- The slogan of the Allies was "a war to make the world safe for democracy."
- World War I lasted from 1914 to 1918.