***A web of causes of the First World War***

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| Austria-Hungary wanted to keep its power so it dominated the nearby countries of Serbia and Bosnia |  |  |  |  |  | Various countries across Europe formed Alliances, including the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance |  |  |  |  |
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| Many Slavs in Bosnia wanted to leave the Austro-Hungarian empire and join with Serbia to make a new bigger Slav country |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Britain declares war on Germany when Germany refuses to withdraw from Belgian territory |
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|  |  | Germany’s defeat of France in the Franco-German war of the 1870s saw Alsace and Lorraine taken by Germany from France |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | The king of Germany, Kaiser Wilhelm II was very jealous of Britain’s great power and its large navy |  |  |  |  |

***A web of causes of the First World War – sorting cards***

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| Austria-Hungary, angered by the murder of its crown prince, declares war on Serbia | Germany, worried about attacks from both East and West launches an attack on France via Belgium | Germany was worried about the possibility of an attack from neighbouring France | A small group of Serbians got together to kill the future king of Austria-Hungary, Archduke Franz Ferdinand |  |
| Kaiser Wilhelm II started to build a larger navy than Britain’s, creating tension between the two countries | Britain agreed to support and protect Belgium if she faced attack from neighbouring countries | French citizens in Alsace-Lorraine, and the French government wanted Alsace-Lorraine returned to France | Russia stood by her agreements with Serbia and offered to defend her against Austria-Hungary and Germany |  |