

The four MAIN causes of WWI

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Militarism:

∞ The policy of glorifying military power and keeping an army mobilized (or ready for battle)

Alliances:

❧ A close association of nations ;
nations agree to protect each
other.

Imperialism



✧ Countries in Europe were all fighting for control over other areas.

Nationalism



∞ Believing in the supremacy
of your nation.



Causes of WWI Notes



Otto von Bismarck

- ☞ Used war to unite Germany and create a larger empire
- ☞ Then wanted to maintain peace in Europe
- ☞ Saw France as the biggest threat to Germany



Bismarck's plan

- ☞ He decided to isolate France by allying with other countries
- ☞ 1879: Bismarck formed the Dual Alliance between Germany and Austria-Hungary.
- ☞ Italy joined. This was the TRIPLE ALLIANCE



Germany continues to make allies

- ☞ In 1881, Bismarck made a treaty with Russia



Kaiser Wilhelm II

☞ New ruler of Germany

☞ Wanted to show the world how mighty Germany was



Wilhelm's Actions

- ∞ Let the treaty with Russia lapse in 1890
- ∞ Russia then formed an alliance with France in 1892



The Triple Entente

∞ In 1907, Britain allied with France and Russia

∞ Now there were two sides:

The Triple Alliance

Germany

Austria-Hungary

Italy

The Triple Entente

Great Britain

France

Russia

The Spark



✧ Austro-Hungarian Franz Ferdinand was shot

✧ June 28, 1914

✧ Austria used this as an excuse to punish Serbia

✧ Austria declared war on Serbia

Russia gets involved...

- ✧ Russia, an ally of Serbia, mobilized its troops to defend Serbia
- ✧ Other countries – Italy, Germany – urged Austria and Russia to negotiate
- ✧ But it was too late...

Everyone gets involved...

- ❧ Russia expected that if they defended Serbia, Germany would defend Austria
- ❧ Germany decided this was a declaration of war



Germany jumps in with both feet

- ❧ Germany didn't even wait to see if France would defend Russia
- ❧ France was now in the war
- ❧ Great Britain then joined as well



Battle lines were drawn

☞ By August of 1914:

CENTRAL POWERS:

Germany
Austria-Hungary

ALLIED POWERS:

Great Britain
France
Russia

Japan joins...

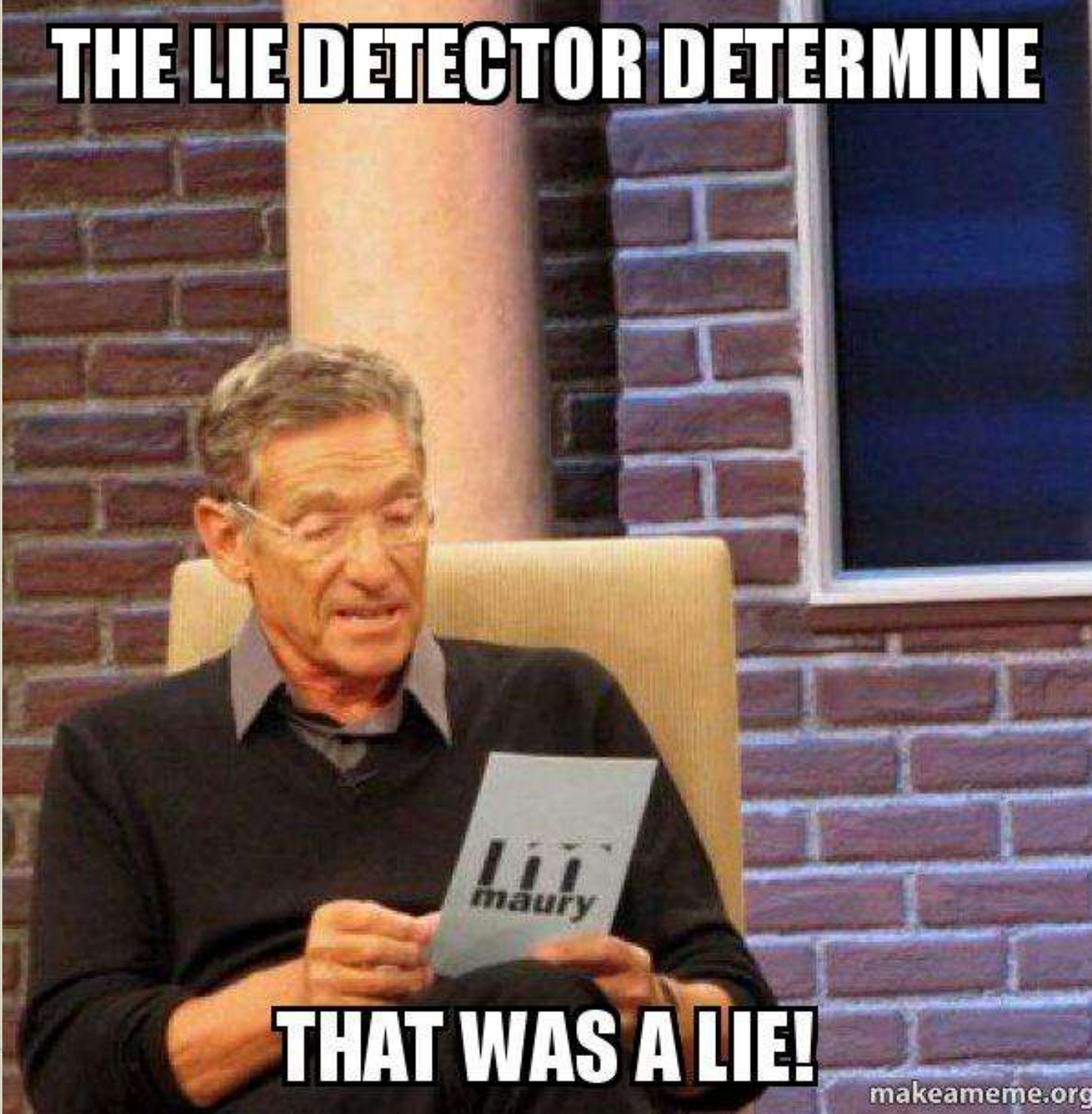
Italy joined later.

Late Summer 1914

- ❧ Soldiers marched off to war
- ❧ Most people thought it would be a short war



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