II. Crisis in the Balkans

1. “Powder Keg of Europe”
* **1878 –**
* Wanted to unite all Slavs and create a Greater Serbia
* Russia, mostly a Slavic state, supported this
* Austria-Hungary fears it – do not want to lose land to Serbia

B. Shot Heard Around Europe

* **Archduke Francis Ferdinand**
* **Gavriolo Princip –**
* **Black Hand –**
* Austria accuses the Serbian government of being involved
* Use murders as an excuse to punish Serbia
* **“Blank Check” –**
* **July 23, 1914 –**
* Serbia realized that refusing to meet these demands would lead to war
* Serbia agrees to follow all demands except one

C. Schlieffen Plan

* **August 3, 1914 -**
* **Alfred Graf von Schlieffen –**
* **Schlieffen Plan –**

D. Great Britain Enters War

* France’s boarder with Germany was heavily guarded
* Germany marched through neutral Belgium to attack France
* **August 4, 1914 –**

E. Europe Takes Sides

* **Central Power –**
* **Allied Powers –**