

The Domino Effect:

How One Assassination Triggered World War I

(June~August 1914)

June 28, 1914 — The Spark

Archduke Franz Ferdinand Assassinated in Sarajevo.

Austria-Hungary Blames Serbia



July 23 — The Ultimatum

Harsh Ultimatum to Serbia

July 28: Austria-Hungary Declares War on Serbia



July 30 — The Great Mobilization

Russia Mobilizes Its Army



Aug 1~3 — The Two Front Pivot

Germany Declares War on Russia & France



Aug 4 — The Belgium Decision

Germany Invades Belgium

Britain Declares War on Germany



37 Days After the Assassination

A regional Balkan crisis becomes a continental war.

Why the Dominos fell:

Militarism • Alliance Systems • Imperialism • Nationalism