

14.1 The Great War Begins (pp. 454-459)

CHECKPOINTS: Answer each question as you read the text.

1. What two large alliances took shape before the beginning of World War I?
2. How did international competition and nationalism increase tension in Europe?
3. What happened because of the assassination of Francis Ferdinand and his wife?
4. How did the alliance system deepen the original conflict between Austria-Hungary and Serbia into a general war?
5. Why were young men on both sides eager to fight when World War I started?