

R2 THE BLACK HAND

Before World War I, nationalism was strong in Europe. Many Slavs wanted to be part of Serbia. Instead, their territory was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The Slavic peoples included the CROATS, SLOVENES, MONTENEGRANS, HERCEGOVIANS, SERBIANS, BOSNIANS, and the MACEDONIANS.

On June 28, 1914, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and the Countess Sophie made an official good-will visit to Sarajevo. It was the capital of Bosnia and a province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The royal couple did not know that they had been marked for death. Several members of a group were waiting to do them harm. These people were members of THE BLACK HAND, a secret society that wanted an independent nation of Serbia that would also include the area of Bosnia.

The first assassination attempt was a small hand bomb that missed the open car the visitors were riding in. The Archduke insisted on continuing the tour. When his chauffeur made a wrong turn and slowed the car to turn around, a Serbian member of the Black Hand, 19 year-old Gavrilo Princip, quickly drew out his gun and fired twice. Within minutes, both the Archduke and the Countess were dead. This act set in motion the events that were to result in World War I.

Write the answers on your paper. **DO NOT WRITE ON THIS CARD.**

1. Why did the Archduke and the Countess visit Sarajevo?
2. What was the purpose of the Black Hand organization?
3. What warning did the royal couple have that some people were not happy to see them in Bosnia?
4. What groups of people make up the Slavs?
5. Use a black marker to trace around your hand, palm down, on a piece of white construction paper. Inside the outline, print

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