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### 23 Film Response: World War I

One thing that I learned about World War I that I didn't know before, is that the catalyst to world war I starting was the assassination of Franz Ferdinand, the duke of Austria. As a result of that assassination Austria asked for some demands of Serbia, which Serbia didn't meet, which further led Austria to declare war on Serbia. From this Russia entered and declared war on Austria because of its relation to Serbia. This led to a domino effect, with Germany entering and declaring war on Russia.

I also learned that war promoted nationalism, and allowed countries to discover their identities. Before World War I; war was seen to be necessary and glorious. People from all over the world joined the war efforts. For example, the British army during world war I included soldiers from India, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. As a result of the experiences of the soldiers that survived the war; a sense of nationalism grew in them. This further led to the birth of nationalist movements.

I also learned that during World War I over 15 million people were killed; there was also a large number of civilian casualties as a result of the war. The biggest killer in the war wasn't combat, but disease; diseases such as dysentery, typhus, and cholera were common during World War I. Also, influenza broke out towards the end of the war and killed three times as many

people as the actual war effort did. New technology such as machine guns and barbed wire proved to be successful technologies used in defense; which also contributed to the number of casualties.

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