

## Homework 3 Term 1

### Archduke Franz Ferdinand Fact Finding Literacy Task

#### *Literacy skills -*

- 1. Read through the passage and underline any keywords that you do not know. Choose three of these words, the most difficult for you, and find their meanings in a dictionary. Write the words and their meanings on the back of this sheet or your work.*
- 2. Summarize the information that you have found about Franz into one or two paragraphs.*
- 3. Shortern these paragraphs into 10 single words/phrases e.g Heir-apparent, untrustworthy*

Franz Ferdinand (1863-1914) was born in Graz, Austria. As the heir to the Austro-Hungarian empire his assassination on 28 June 1914 sparked the First World War.

Although only third in line to the throne, Franz Ferdinand became the heir-apparent following the death of the Emperor's son, Crown Prince Rudolf in 1889, and his own father Archduke Charles Louis in 1896, Franz Josef's brother. He was considered to be untrustworthy, not very intelligent and was said the have a short temper. His people did not like him.

Following his marriage to Sophie Chotek von Chotkova in 1900, Ferdinand became more reclusive. A happy husband and a devoted father (they had three children and he loved his wife dearly), Ferdinand's private persona in this regard was at odds with public perception. The Emperor, Franz Josef, was against the marriage, arguing that Franz Ferdinand was marrying beneath his station. The marriage eventually only took place after Ferdinand agreed to renounce all rights of succession for his children. Franz Josef did not attend the wedding.

#### His Death

As Inspector General of the army Franz Ferdinand accepted an invitation from General Oskar Potiorek to visit the capital of Bosnia, Sarajevo, to inspect army manoeuvres. Bosnia - and Herzegovina - were provinces that had been under Austro-Hungarian administration since 1878, by international agreement. Austria annexed the provinces outright in 1908, a controversial move which upset many people.

A Serbian terrorist group, The Black Hand, resolved to assassinate Franz Ferdinand during his visit to Sarajevo on 28 June 1914.

While riding in the motorcade through the streets of Sarajevo on 28 June, Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie were shot and killed by Gavrilo Princip, a Bosnian member of the Black Hand; earlier in the day Ferdinand's car had also been fired at by a hand grenade, causing him to complain angrily upon his arrival at the city hall. "What is the good of your speeches? I come to Sarajevo on a visit, and I get bombs thrown at me. It is outrageous!"

Franz Ferdinand was buried in a crypt beneath the chapel of his castle,. Neither Franz Josef nor the German Kaiser attended the funeral.