
Subject: Renegade and History

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I thought this was interesting. I've been learning about WWI in my history class. My teacher began talking about The Black Hand, I had no idea The Black Hand had anything to do with history. Anyhoo, The Black Hand was an organization to rid Bosnia of Austrian rule. Members of the Black Hand figured out that Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne was coming into town. Even more upsetting to them was that he was coming on a holiday in Serbia- the day of Serbia's conquest of the Turks. Seven members of the Black Hand were chosen to assassinate the Archduke. They were chosen because they all had tuberculosis(TB) and were going to die anyway. They were each given a revolver, a bottle of cyanide, and two grenades. At first, the assassination attempt was unsuccessful- the driver got the Archduke out of harms way. Then, one of the members, a 17 or 19 year old (I forget) named Gavrilo Princip, was walking the streets and saw the carriage again. He pulled out his revolver and shot into the carriage killing the Archduke and his wife, Sophia. He then turned the gun on himself, but people hearing the shots ran toward him and prevented him from shooting himself. He had no regrets other than that he shot the Archduke's wife. This assassination led to the start of WWI.

- I thought this was interesting that the Black Hand was history based.
