



# World War I

The Crime of the Ages—Who Did It?



Source: John McCutcheon, *The Chicago Tribune*; H. H. Windsor, *Cartoonist Magazine* (adapted)

Look carefully at the picture. This is a political cartoon about World War I.

Besides all of the soldiers in the middle, who are the other two characters?

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The title of the cartoon is, "The Crime of the Ages—Who Did It?"

What crime was committed?

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The final character we don't see except the accusing finger.

Each soldier in the middle represents a country. Who is getting most of the blame?

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The countries all blame someone else but each has his hand on what?

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What is the only country that doesn't seem to have an opinion or any blame?

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What do you think is the point of this cartoon?

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