

INTERNATIONAL CRISES, 1905-1913

	Key events	What issues were involved	How it became an international crisis
First Moroccan Crisis, 1906	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Germany said Morocco should stay independent. France wanted to control Morocco. Kaiser visited Tangier to show support for Morocco. Conference held at Algeciras. France got support from Britain and Russia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who should control Morocco. Germany testing France's power. Germany challenging the Entente Cordiale. Balance of power in North Africa. Fear of being encircled by alliances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Germany interfered with France's plans. Britain backed France against Germany. Kaiser's visit looked aggressive. All major powers met at a conference. Increased tension between alliances.
Bosnian Crisis, 1908	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Austria-Hungary took over Bosnia. Bosnia had been under Ottoman control. Serbia was angry and wanted Bosnia. Russia backed Serbia at first. Russia and Serbia backed down when Germany supported Austria. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Austria expanding into Slavic land. Serbia wanted to unite Slavs (Pan-Slavism). Russia wanted influence in the Balkans. Germany stood by Austria. Tension between Austria and Serbia grew. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Austria acted without warning others. Serbia and Russia felt humiliated. Germany's support made Austria bolder. Showed alliances were willing to act. Set the stage for future Balkan violence.
Agadir Crisis, 1911	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> France sent troops to Morocco. Germany sent a gunboat (the <i>Panther</i>) to Agadir. Britain feared Germany wanted a naval base. France and Germany made a deal. Germany got land in Congo, not Morocco. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control of Morocco and African empire. Germany trying to test France and Britain. Britain worried about German navy. Germany wanted respect as a world power. Tension over colonial claims. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gunboat made Germany seem threatening. Britain almost prepared for war. Public in Britain turned more against Germany. France and Germany nearly fought over colonies. Alliances became more suspicious of each other.
Balkan Wars, 1912–13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balkan countries attacked Turkey (Ottoman Empire). Serbia gained land and power. Bulgaria fought its former allies in 2nd war. Austria stopped Serbia getting a coastline. Tensions rose between Austria and Serbia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collapse of Ottoman Empire in Europe. Serbia trying to lead the Balkans. Austria feared strong Serbia. Russia supported Serbia. Ethnic rivalry and nationalism. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serbia grew stronger and bolder. Austria saw Serbia as a threat. Russia and Austria took opposite sides. Germany backed Austria. Alliances hardened, war seemed closer.