Worksheet 2.3
Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand

To provide some context to the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in 1914, first look at the following information here, and watch this brief video of Ferdinand in Sarajevo shortly before his murder.

Now read through this document, which is the official Austrian report into the assassination.

Questions

1  Identify the points at which the report makes general political statements from the particular details of the assassination.

2  What picture does the report paint of Serbian society in 1914?

3  What are the value and limitations of this document for an historian researching the causes of World War I?