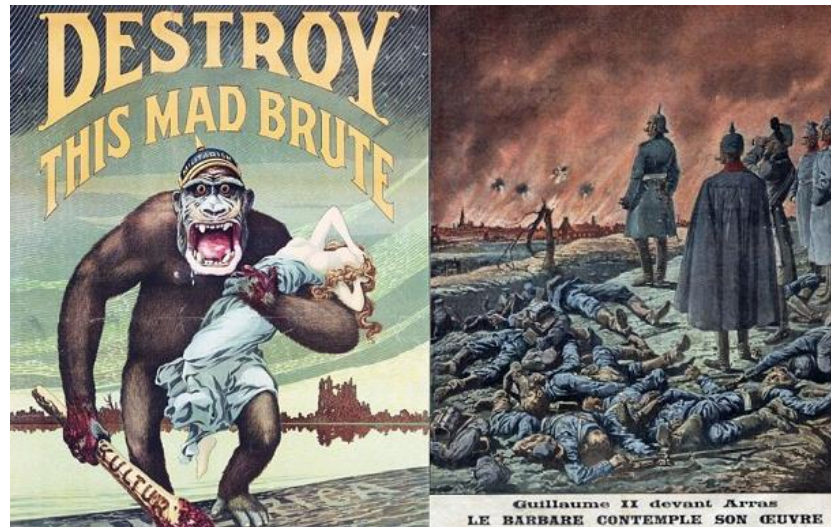


# World War I

## *The Spark of The Great War*

### (1914 - 1918)



# Journal Activity



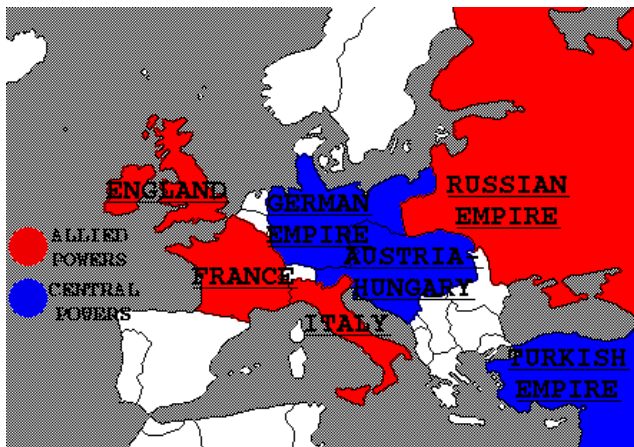
Reflect on the Risk activity last class and answer the following questions with explanations.

1. Did you make any alliances with other players? Why or why not? What were your motivations/reasons for it? Did you change alliances during the game? If yes, why?
2. Did you build up your military (game pieces) along your borders? Why or why not?
3. Did you want to expand your territory (or want to win the game)? Even if it means breaking alliances? Did you try to complete the Secret Mission Card to win?
4. Did Risk give you a better idea of the causes of World War I by experiencing it firsthand? (Militarism, alliances, and imperialism)

# Overall Major Causes Leading to WWI (1914 – 1918)



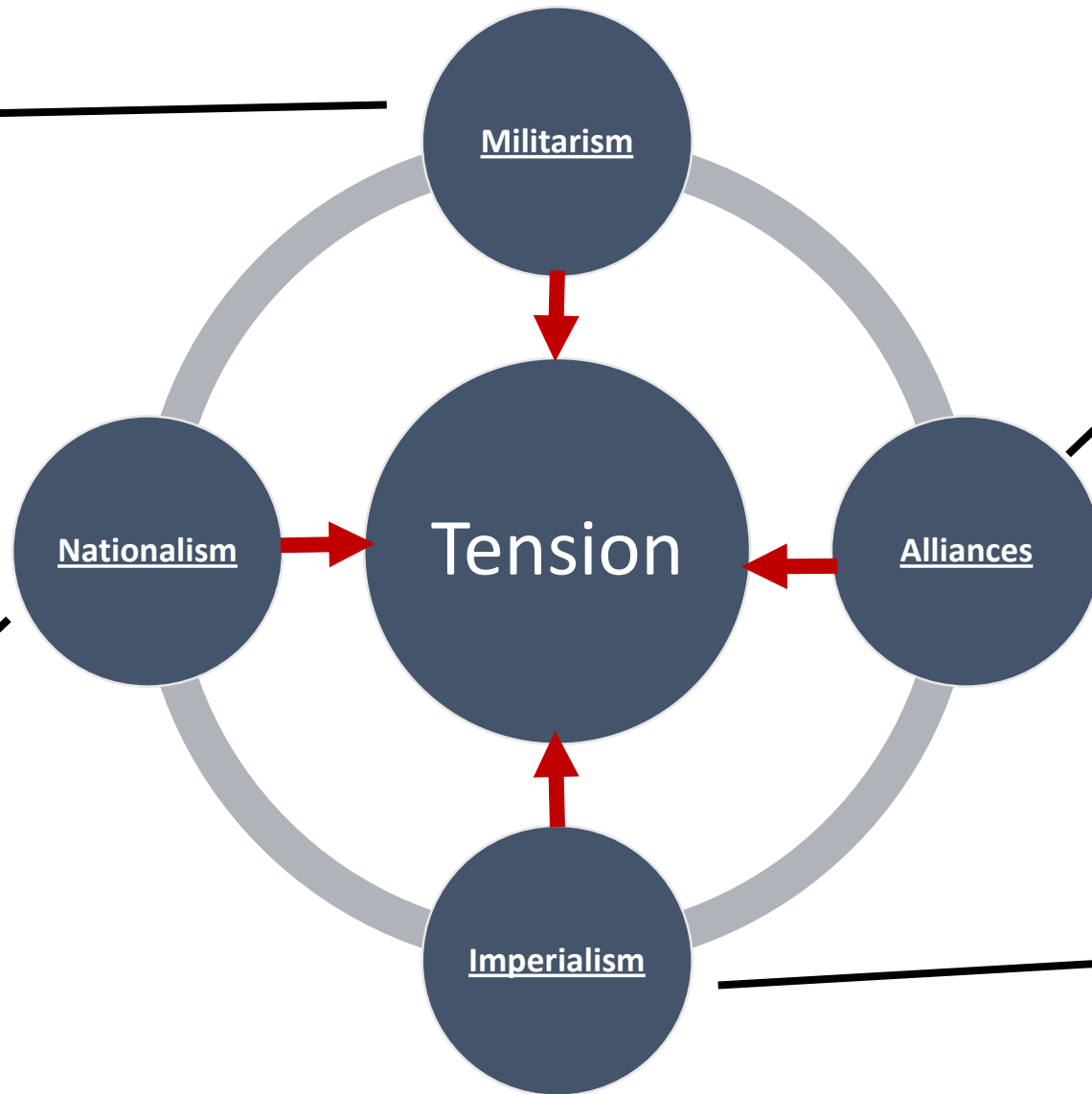
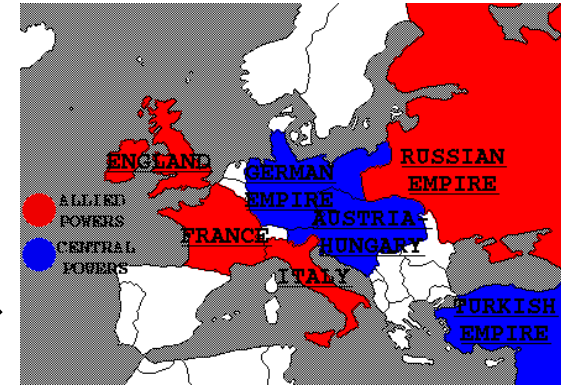
- Militarism
- Alliances
- Imperialism
- Nationalism



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f11CKYB2FCA>





# Nationalism

A desire by a large group of people to form an independent nation of their own or deep devotion to one's nation

- National Pride
- Competition
- Bitter Rivalries

So, what exactly is nationalism?

- Feelings
- Symbols



# Journal Activity



## **What is a nation?**

To help you with the question, consider the following:

- What makes up a nation?
- What do you need to be considered a nation?

(at least five sentences, NO one-word answers)

# Side Information

Queen Victoria of **England**  
("Grandmother of Europe")  
(1837 – 1901)



Kaiser Wilhelm II of  
**Germany**  
(Eldest grandson of  
Victoria)

Czar Nicholas II of **Russia**  
(Married Victoria's  
granddaughter)

# Leaders of Europe during WWI



King George V of England

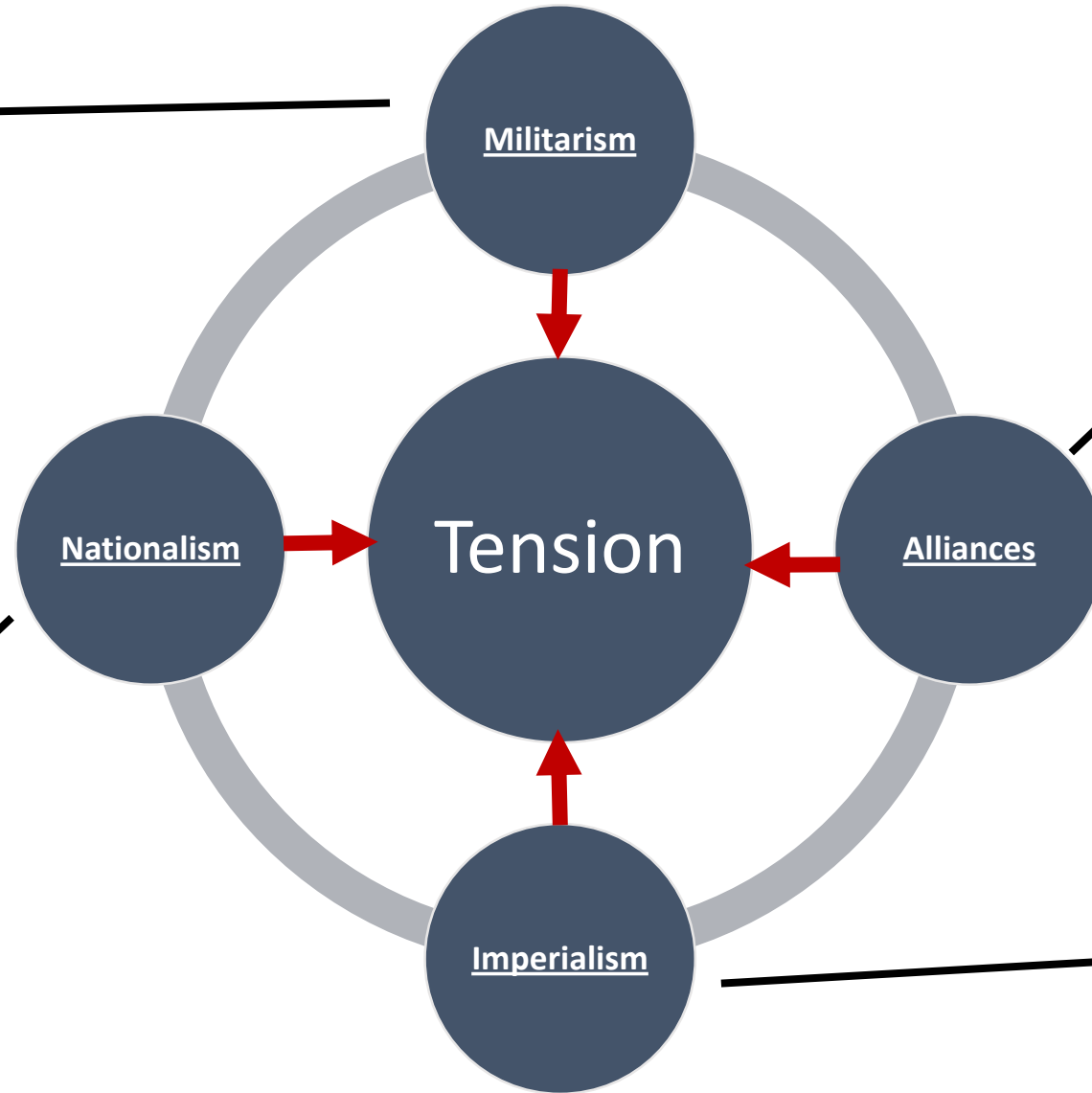
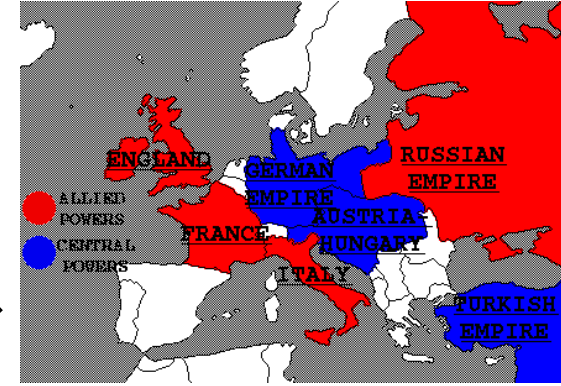


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Germany



Czar Nicholas II of Russia





# The “Powder Keg” of Europe

## Balkan Peninsula

- Formerly part of the Ottoman Empire for around 500 years
- Largely populated by Slavic people
- New countries formed between late 1800s and early 1900s, took advantage of a weak Ottoman Empire
- Each wanted to expand their territories
- Very nationalistic, especially Serbia
- Ethnic nationalism → Balkan League with Russian help

## Balkan Wars (1912 – 1913)

- 1<sup>st</sup> war: Balkan League vs Ottoman Empire
- 2<sup>nd</sup> war: Formers allies against each other (Bulgaria)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYrofaDfMKI>



Ottoman Empire  
(1299 – 1923)



# Ottoman Empire (1299 – 1923)



Decline of the Ottoman Empire, 1174-1914

# The Decline of the Ottoman Empire

1717-1923

\*Year of independence from Ottoman rule

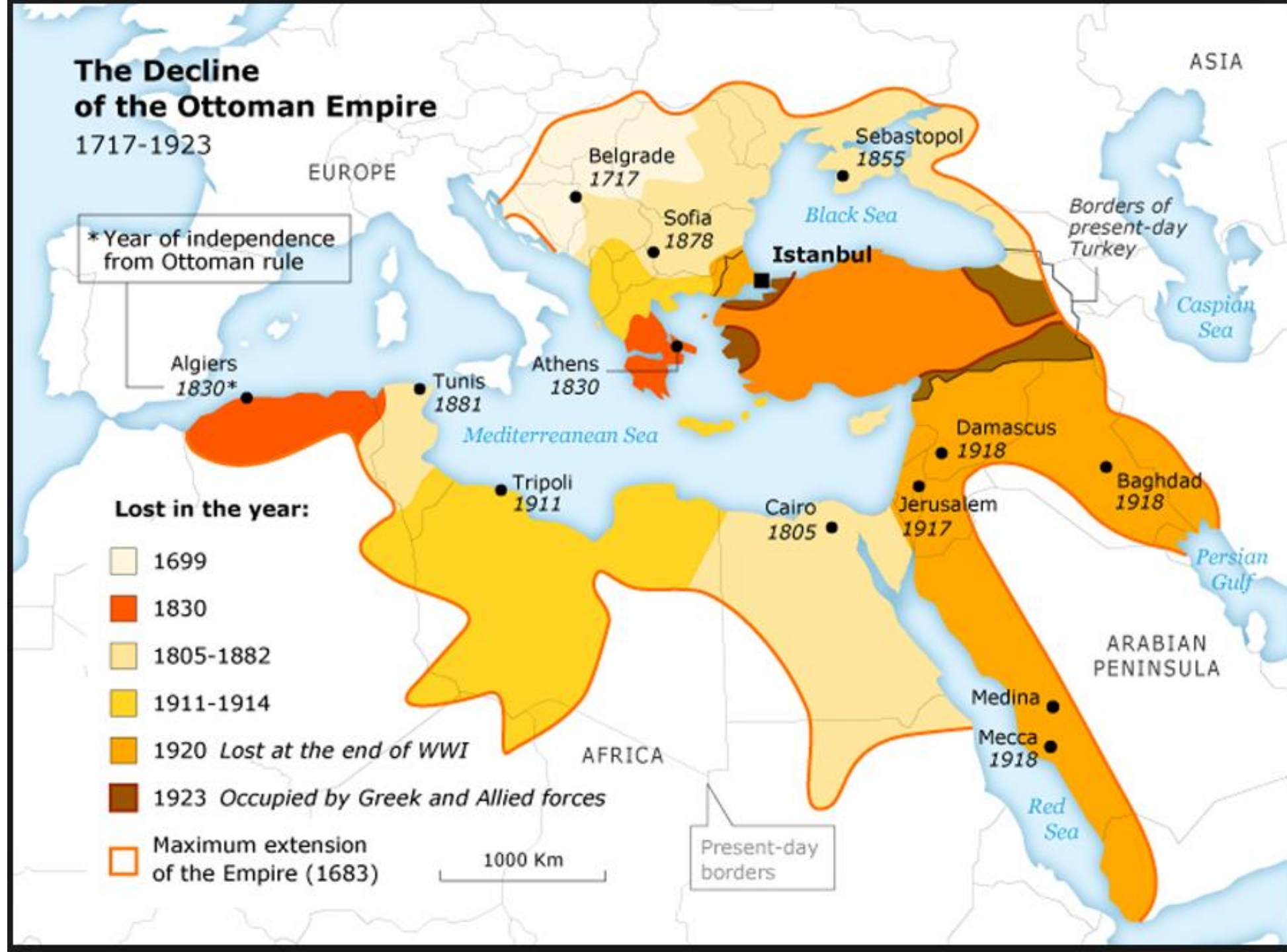
### Lost in the year:

- 1699
- 1830
- 1805-1882
- 1911-1914
- 1920 *Lost at the end of WWI*
- 1923 *Occupied by Greek and Allied forces*
- Maximum extension of the Empire (1683)

1000 Km

Present-day borders

Ottoman Empire (1299 – 1923)



# Nationalism in the Balkans

## Pan-Slavism

### Austria-Hungary

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- Annexed Bosnia (Slavic country) in 1908
- Hapsburg dominance over ethnic nationalism

### Russia

- Largest Slavic population
- Believed they needed to protect other Slavs
- Political interests



# Pan-Slavism

“all”



“-ism”

Relating to  
Slavic people

:idea, state or condition,  
policy, doctrine or  
system

An idea that all Slavic people would unite under one country

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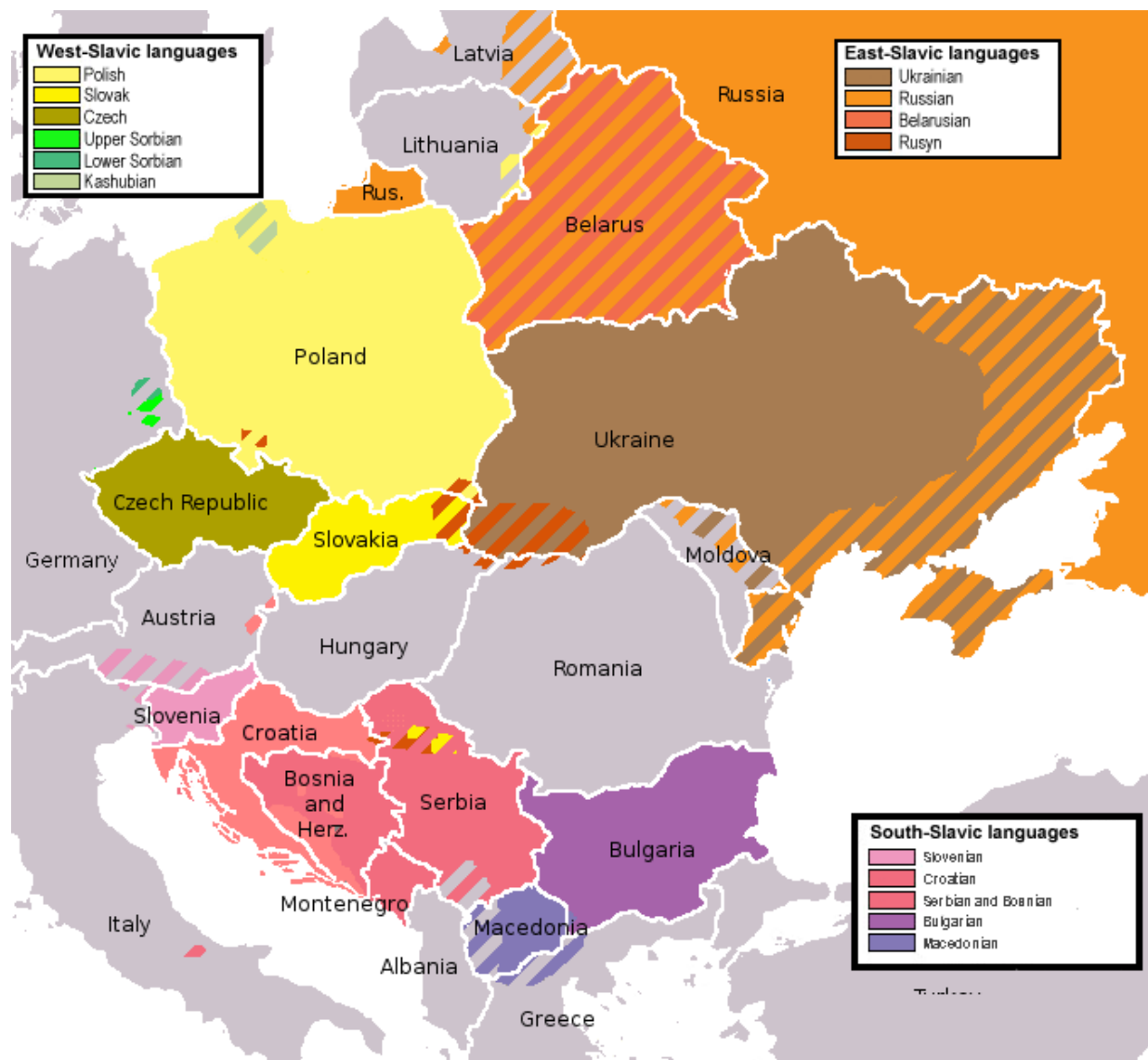




# Austria-Hungary

- Multi-ethnic empire
- Serbians (Slavics) in Austria-Hungary wanted independence
- Hapsburg dominance over ethnic nationalism





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## Serbia

- Very nationalistic
- Wanted to create a pan-Slavic country
- Wanted a seaport in the Adriatic Sea

## Russia

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- Felt obligated to protect other Slavs
- Political interests
- Only ally in the Balkans: Serbia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYrofaDfMKI>

# Assassination of the Archduke of Austria

On June 28, 1914, Archduke **Franz Ferdinand**, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary and his wife were shot dead in public in Sarajevo by Serbian nationalist, Gavrilo Princip.

- Part of a Serbian secret society called the **Black Hand**

Despite disliking Slavs, Ferdinand was interested in treating Slavs better and offering them more rights

- Did not want a war with Russia

His death was highly ironic.

[Dramatization Clip](#)  
[Eyewitness Account](#)



# Austro-Hungarian Response

Kaiser Wilhelm II offered unconditional support to Austria-Hungary and urged them to be aggressive.

Austria-Hungary issued an **ultimatum** (final demand) with a list of 10 demands to Serbia on July 23, 1914.

- Deliberately harsh
  - End anti-Austrian activity
  - Remove government officials at Austria-Hungary's demands
  - Accept Austro-Hungarian representatives to suppress movements

Serbia accepted 9 of the 10 and partially for the last



War declared on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.  
World War I starts.

## The Crime of the Ages—Who Did It?



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

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  - Countries begin **mobilization**
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    - Russia mobilizes armies
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    - Germany invades Belgium
    - Great Britain (**Allies**) declares war on Germany and allies (**Central Powers**)
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# Alliances before WWI

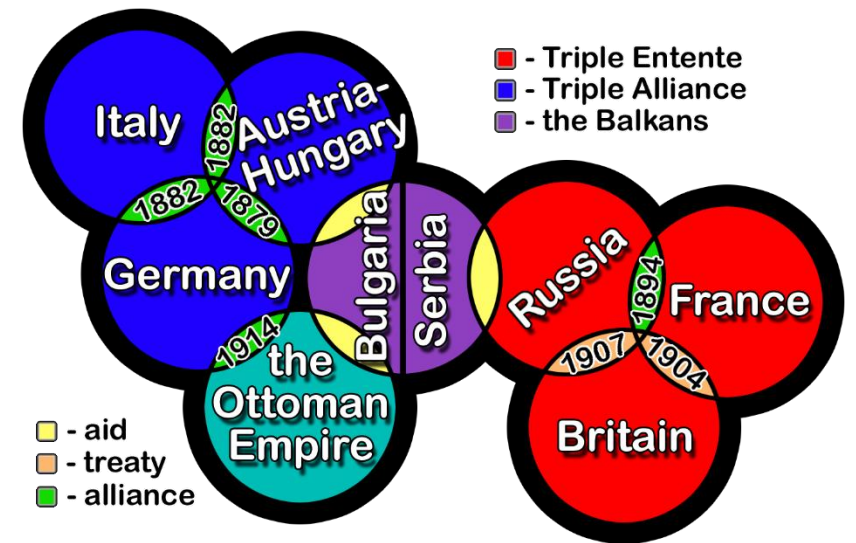
## Triple Alliance

- Austria-Hungary
- Germany
- Italy

## Triple Entente

- Russia
- Great Britain
- France

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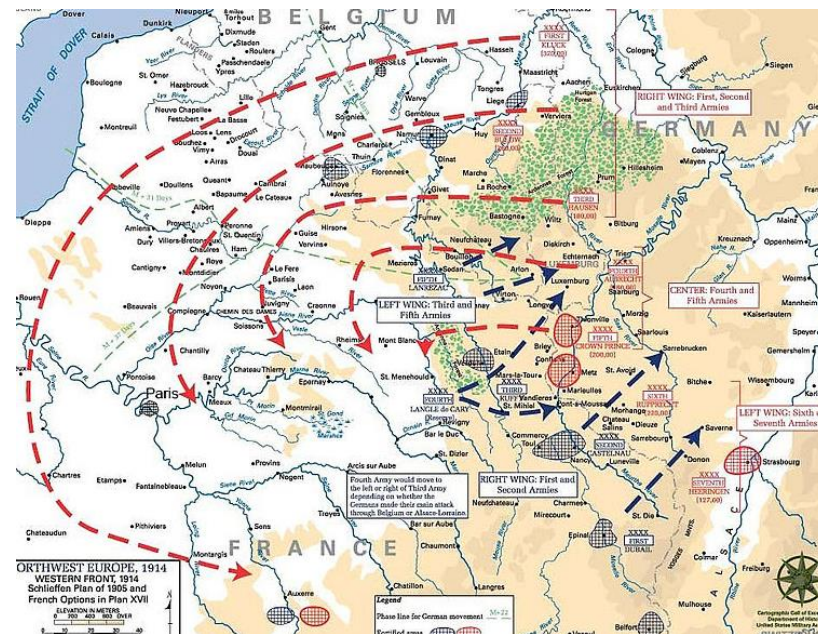


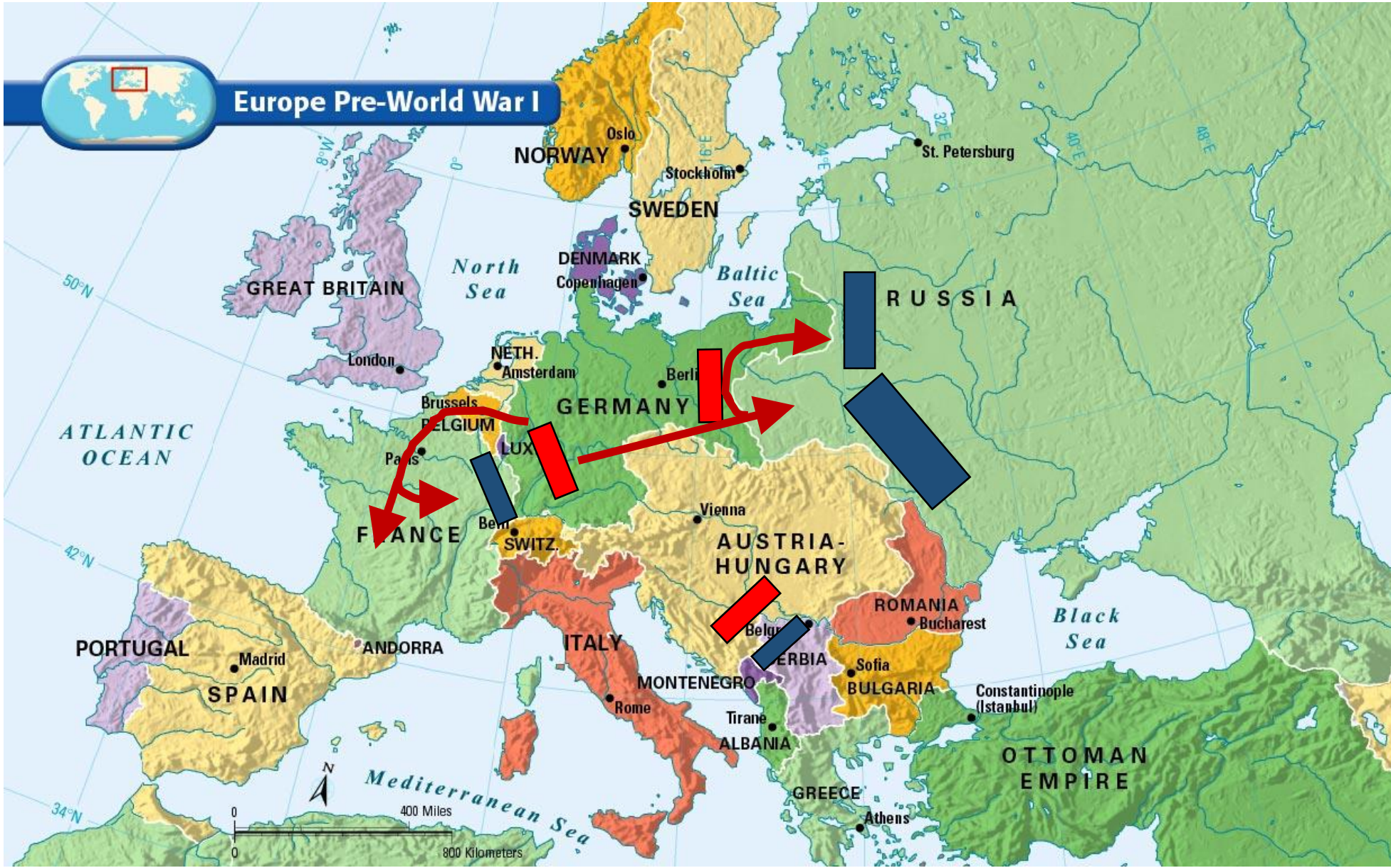


# Schlieffen Plan

A military plan Germany developed to invade France

- Modified a few times
- Original plan was to invade France
- Knock France out of the war early and then concentrate on Russia
  - Believed Russia would mobilize slower
- France heavily fortified border after Franco-Prussian War (1871)
- Belgium, north of France, weaker





“The Quick War”

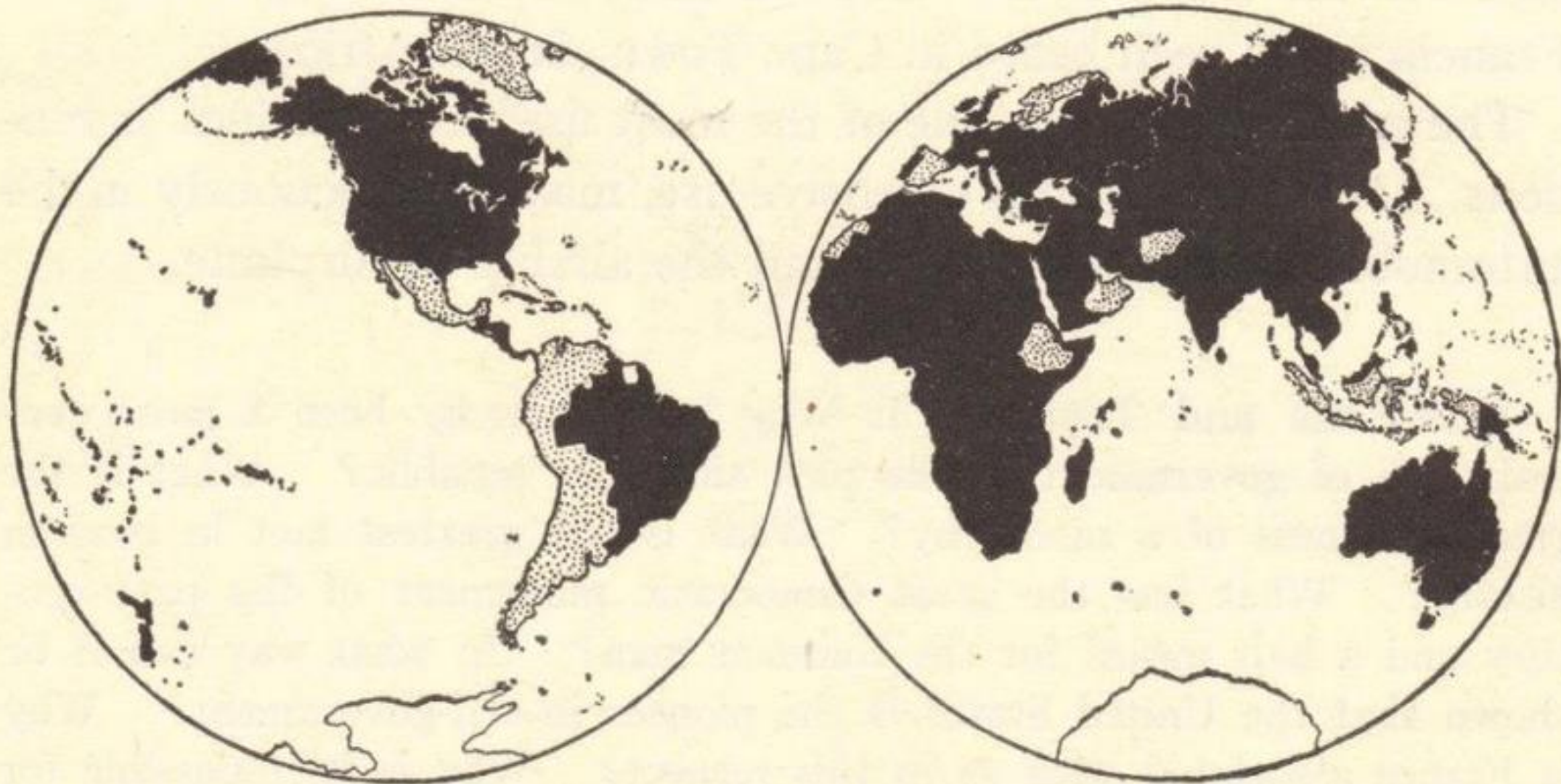


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### LANDS INVOLVED IN THE WORLD WAR

More than seven eighths of the inhabited area of the world took part in the war, as indicated by the black shading.