**World War I in Europe, 1914–1918**

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Legend:
- Allied countries
- Central Powers
- Neutral countries
- Central Powers advance
- Allied advance
- Farthest Central Powers advance
- Farthest Allied advance
- Central Powers victory
- Allied victory
- Armistice Line, Nov. 1918

**Interpret Maps**

1. **Location** In which country was most of the war in the West fought?

2. **Location** What geographic disadvantage did Germany and Austria-Hungary face in fighting the war? How might this have affected their war strategy?

In the late summer of 1914, millions of soldiers marched happily off to battle, convinced that the war would be short. Only a few people foresaw the horror ahead. One of them was Britain's foreign minister, Sir Edward Grey. Staring out over London at nightfall, Grey said sadly to a friend, "The lamps are going out all over Europe. We shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."

**Reading Check**
**Analyze Issues**
Was the system of alliances the only reason other nations entered the war?

# A Bloody Stalemate

It did not take long for Sir Edward Grey's prediction to ring true. As the summer of 1914 turned to fall, the war turned into a long and bloody stalemate, or deadlock, along the battlefields of France. This deadlocked region in northern France became known as the **Western Front**.

**The Conflict Grinds Along** Facing a war on two fronts, Germany had developed a battle strategy known as the **Schlieffen Plan**, named after its designer, General Alfred Graf von Schlieffen (SHLEE•fuhn). The plan called for attacking and defeating France in the west and then rushing east to fight Russia. The Germans felt they could carry out such a plan because Russia lagged behind the rest of Europe in its railroad system and thus

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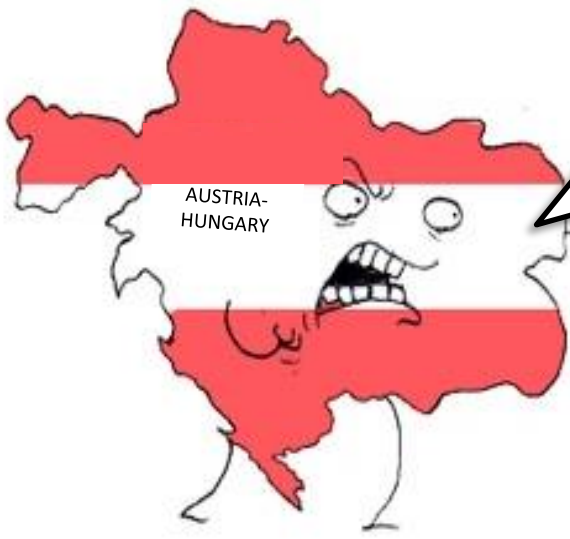


Map Instructions

1. Label all the nations of Europe visible on the map
   a. Albania
   b. Great Britain
   c. Romania
   d. Montenegro
   e. France
   f. Bulgaria
   g. Spain
   h. Ottoman Empire
   i. Portugal
   j. Russia
   k. Netherlands
   l. Greece
   m. Germany
   n. Italy
   o. Sweden
   p. Denmark
   q. Austria-Hungry
   r. Belgium
   s. Serbia
   t. Switzerland
2. Color the major bodies of water in blue on the map (5 in total)
3. Use different colors to show the nations that:
   a. Belonged to the Allied Powers
   b. Belonged to the Central Powers
   c. Remained neutral in the war

# 1914

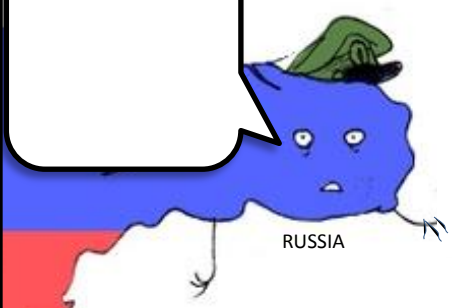1. WHY WAS HE ASSASSINATED?

DIE! IN THE NAME OF SLAVIC PRIDE!

*Really shot

SERBIA

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

3. WHAT WAS AUSTRIA-HUNGARY'S RESPONSE? WRITE IN WORD BUBBLE

2. WHO WAS ASSASSINATED?

4. WHY DOES RUSSIA STEP IN ON BEHALF OF SERBIA?

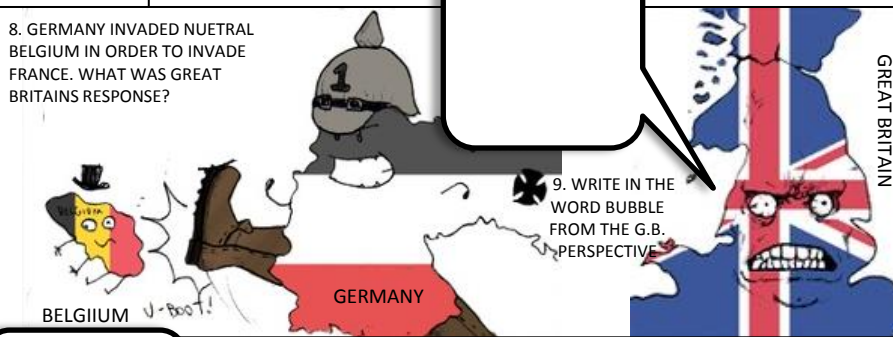5. WHAT COUNTRIES WERE PART OF THE TRIPLE ENTENTE?

6. WRITE IN WORD BUBBLE FROM THE GERMAN PERSPECTIVE
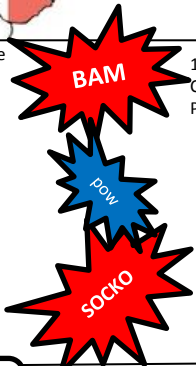
5. WHAT COUNTRIES WERE PART OF THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE?

GERMANY

RUSSIA

7. FRANCE & GERMANY DECLARE WAR ON EACHOTHER. WHAT PAST HISTORY DO THEY HAVE WITH ECHOTHER ALREADY?

FRANCE

GERMANY

8. GERMANY INVADED NUETRAL BELGIUM IN ORDER TO INVADE FRANCE. WHAT WAS GREAT BRITAINS RESPONSE?

BELGIIUM   U-BOOT!

GERMANY

GREAT BRITAIN

9. WRITE IN THE WORD BUBBLE FROM THE G.B. PERSPECTIVE

10. List the ALLIES

BAM

11. List the CENTRAL POWERS

POW

SOCKO

12. MACHINE GUNS LED TO WHAT NEW TYPE OF WARFARE?

AUSTRALIA

CANADA

ALLIES

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# WWI BEGINS
## COMIC STRIP

DIRECTIONS:
AFTER READING/LEARNING ABOUT THE START OF WWI USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO COMPLETE THE COMIC STRIP. –Mrs. Sandoval-ERHS