

The 20th century –age of clashes

World War I and the end of the Habsburg Monarchy



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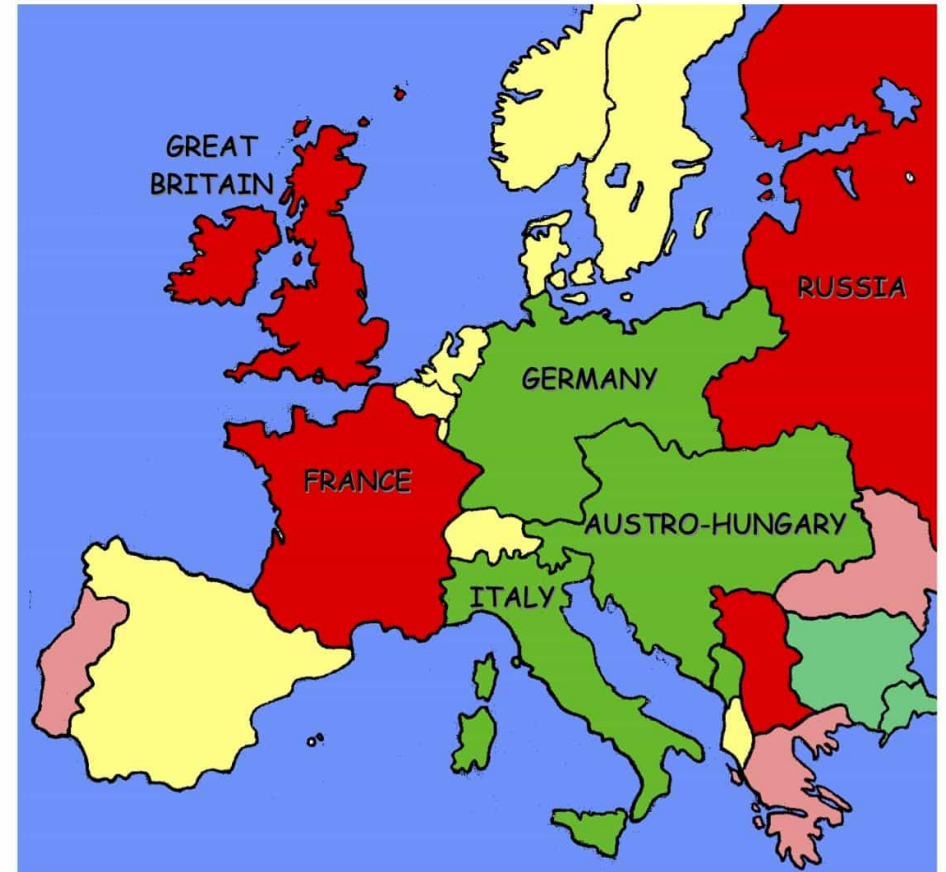
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Europe in 1914

Before World War I

Two big allies:

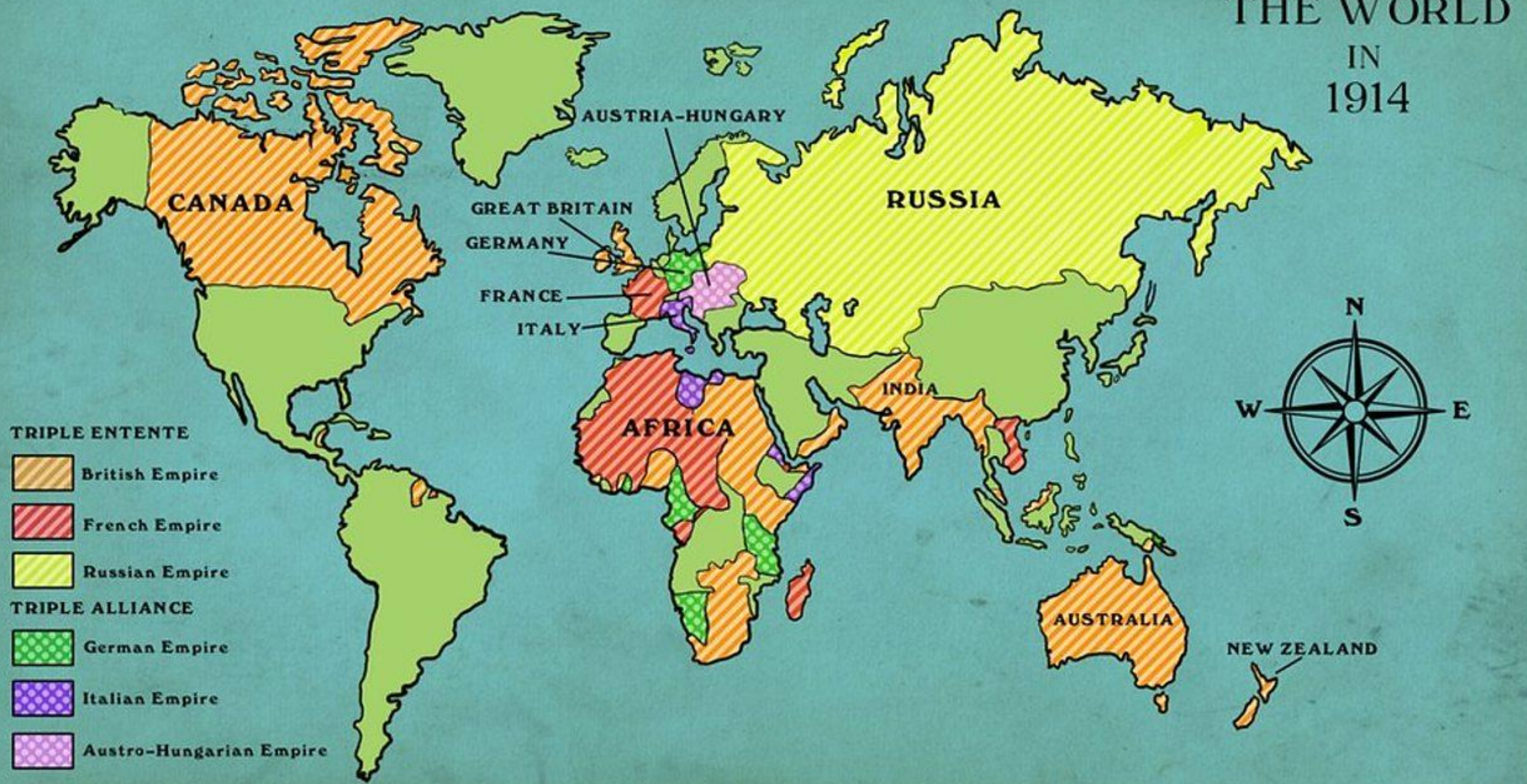
- the Austrian-Hungarian Habsburg Monarchy, Germany and Italy
- France, Russia (allied with Serbia) and British Empire (the so-called Entente)



	Triple Entente
	Triple Alliance
	Neutral throughout the war

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THE WORLD IN 1914



TRIPLE ENTENTE

-  British Empire
-  French Empire
-  Russian Empire

TRIPLE ALLIANCE

-  German Empire
-  Italian Empire
-  Austro-Hungarian Empire



Habsburg Monarchy

- Emperor Franz Josef
- multinational state with a population of about 51 million people
- different religions
- more than 10 languages: for example, German spoken by 12 million people, Hungarian by 10 million people, Polish by 5 million people and Romanian by 3 million people.
- highly developed regions but also regions, whose social and economic development was poor



Conflicts and background to World War I

- At the beginning of the 20th century Emperor Franz Josef's rule was marked by conflicts between the various nationalities within the Habsburg Monarchy.
- In 1908 Bosnia was taken over by the Habsburg monarchy. Serbia, which had a close relationship to Russia, got very angry about that because it wanted to control Bosnia.
- In 1914 – the Austrian heir to the throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, was shot and killed by a Bosnian Serb during a trip to the Bosnian capital Sarajevo.
- Austria thought that Serbia was involved in this assassination and declared war on Serbia in July 1914. Austria planned to invade and destroy Serbia, but this invasion failed.

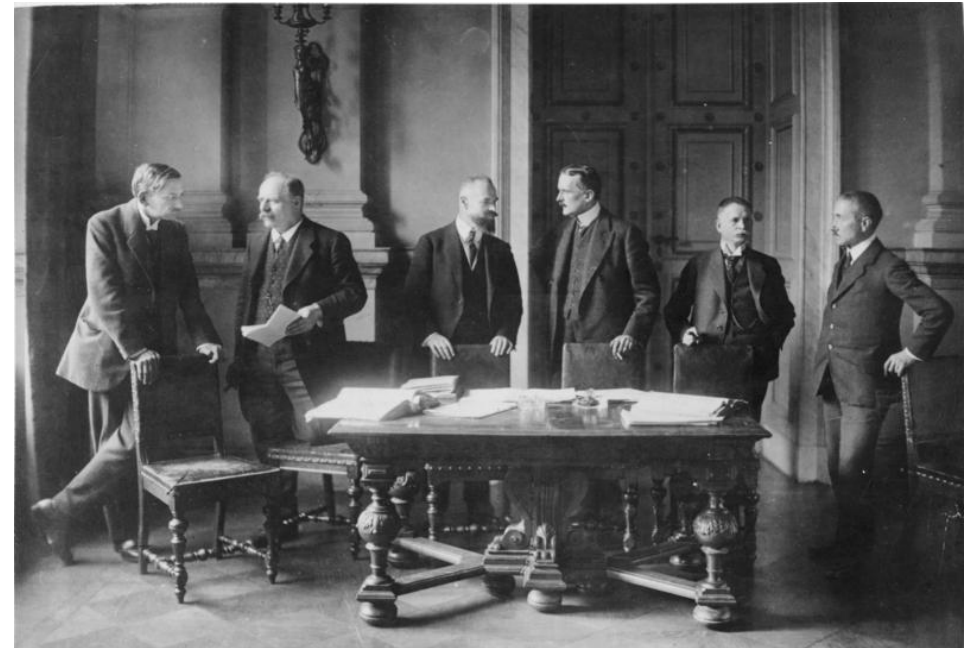
Entente joined World War I

- But as a result Russia, France and Britain (which agreed to protect France and Belgium) entered the war against the Austrian–Hungarian Habsburg Monarchy and Germany, which was their only allied.
- In 1915 Italy and in 1916 Romania joined in the war and supported the Entente.
- In 1917 the USA also entered the war.



End of World War I

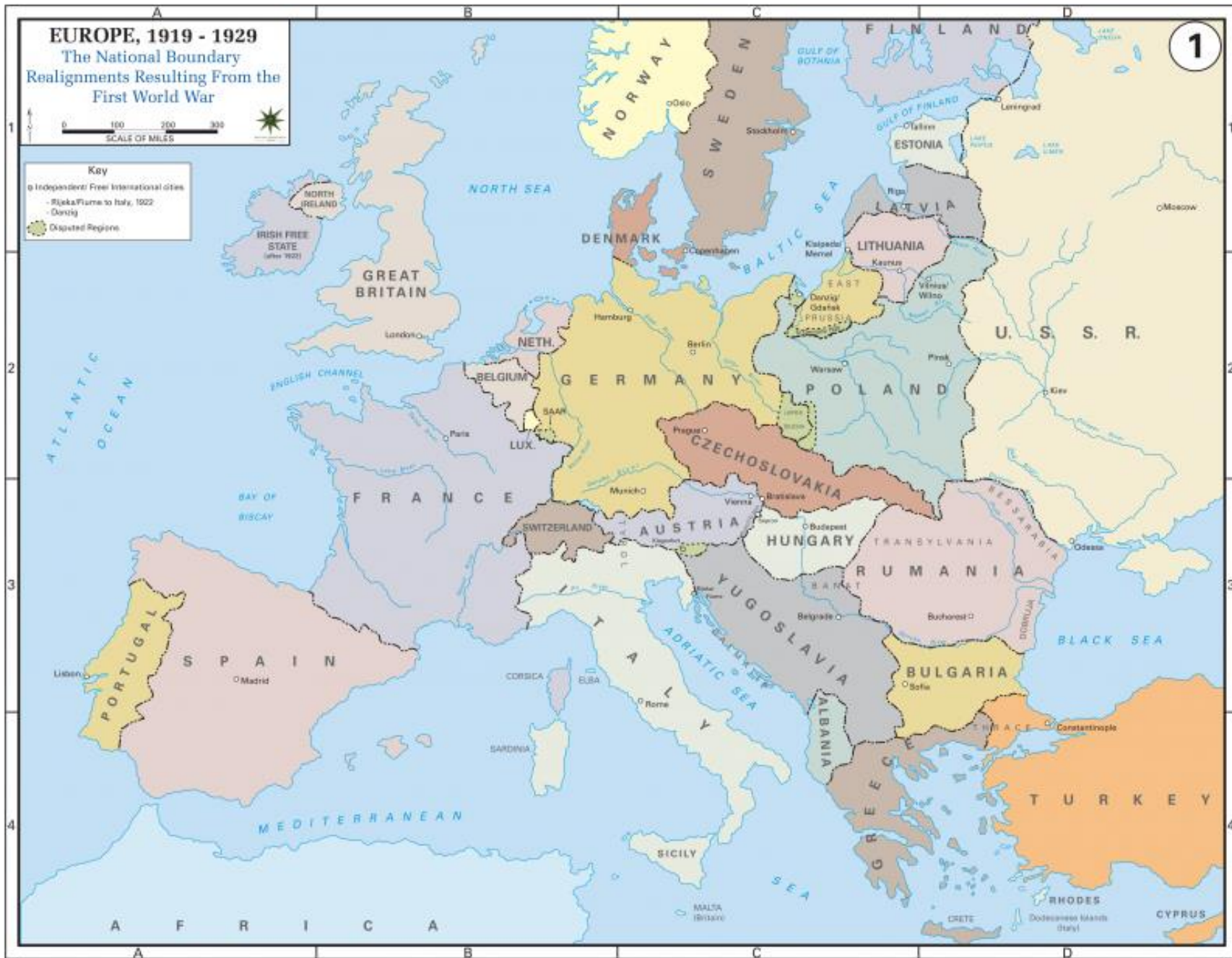
- The Austrian Emperor Franz Josef died in 1916 → Habsburg Monarchy and Germany defeated
- World War I was settled by the „winners“ at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919
- Consequences of the war:
 - 9 million soldiers dead
 - 21 million people wounded
 - German, Austrian-Hungarian, Ottoman and Russian dynasties broke down and the emperors had to abdicate and were driven away



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New Nations

- The Austrian-Hungarian empire dissolved → new nations created :
 - Austria
 - Hungary
 - “Czechoslovakia“ (now: Slovakia and Czech Republic)
 - “Yugoslavia“ (now : Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia and Kosovo)
 - New Polish State established
 - Habsburg Monarchy gave up territory in Poland and Romania



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