

# 11 World in 1914:

Before World War 1

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# 1.1 Europe still dominated the rest of the World

- Balance of Power within EU
  - Gr > Br @ Pig Iron & Steel but not Coal
  - Fr, It, Belgium, Habsburg well behind Br-Gr
  - Russian situation @ 1914 (Industry expanding but political turmoil)
- Outside EU-
  - Japan - Exporter of textile, Sino-Jap War 1894-5, Russo-Jap war 1904-5

## 1.2 Political Systems of the world powers varied widely

- Demo@US, Br, Fr
- Gr- Chancellor & Kaiser
- Italy- Constitutional Monarchy but R2V only to wealthy
- Japan- 1868 Meiji, 1889 Constitution but r2v to only 3%, real power with Privy Council & Armed forces

## 2] Causes of Friction within Europe

1. Rivalry for colonies
2. Naval rivalry due to colonial rivalry
3. Loss of Alsace Lorraine
4. Russia was suspicious of Habsburg empire's ambition in the Balkans:(Dardanelles)
5. Serbian nationalism
6. Europe had divided itself into two alliances:
  1. Tripple Alliance & Triple Entente
  2. Central Powers & Allied Powers

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# 3] Major events before WW I

## 1. Moroccan Crisis (1905-6):

1. 1844: Fr defeats M Sultan who aided Algiers since 1830
2. 1860: Sp invaded M
3. 1871: Morocco wanted to be US protectorate to prevent division by EU

### 4. 1880 Madrid Conference:

- guaranteed independence of Morocco
- gave Gr, Right to be Consulted before any change in Morocco
- Morocco wanted China like OpenDoor Policy

5. 1905-6 Conference : Gr called a Conference, due to Entente Cordiale, where Fr got control over Moroccan Banks & Police

# 3] Major events before WW I

## **2. Britain-Russia Agreement of 1907:**

Agreements on Afghanistan, Tibet, Iran & FDI

## **3. Bosnia Crisis (1908):** Bosnia annexed by Habsburg. Russia humiliated.

## **4. Agadir Crisis (1911):**

1. Fr deployed troops in Morocco. Br stakes:-  
Trade routes under Gr threat.
2. Gr given small strip in Fr Congo & Gr forced to recognise Fr control of M.
3. Naval race got a boost & Gr public opinion of Br descended.

# 3] Major events before WW I

5. **1st Balkan War** 1912: Turkey attacked by Balkans (\*MSG Bulldog attacked Turkey)

- » Serbia unhappy over independent **Albania** because Serbia had no access To Sea

6. **2nd Balkan War** 1913: Bulgaria vs rest (\*Bulldog attacked Guru Radha Swamis Turkey)

- » Result: Stronger Serbia & Misperception among Gr that Br wont act
- » **Assassination** of Archduke of Austria Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia (June 1914)

## 4] Who/What was to blame for the Assassination of Archduke precipitating into World War I ?

- Web of Alliances: Aus->[Serbia-Ru]<—[Gr-Otto]—>Fr, [Belgium]-Br-Jap—>Gr
- Imperialism
- Naval Race
- Capitalism
- Russian backing of Serbia & reason for it
- German backing of Austria coz of encirclement
- Mobilization plans
- A tragedy of Miscalculations:
  - Fr-Russo 1894
  - Br wont act (context Balkan II)
  - Schlieffen Plan
  - Russ wont fire if Gr-Aus
  - Mobilization doesnt mean war
- Cultural belief

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# 5] During the World War I:

- Schlieffen Plan failed
- The Trench Warfare
- War at the Sea:
  - The Blockade Policy
  - Allied Blockade caused problems to the US
  - Germans retaliated with sea mines and submarine attacks
  - Battle of Jutland (1916)
  - Unrestricted Submarine warfare by Germans (1917)

# 6] Woodrow Wilson's 14 points (1918)

- US:
  - abolish secret diplomacy
  - Free navigation of sea
  - Remove economic barriers b/w states
- Fr
  - Liberation of Fr
  - Restoration of Alsace Lorraine
- Br
  - Restoration of Belgium
  - Independent Poland with access to Sea

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# 6] Woodrow Wilson's 14 points (1918)

- Russ
  - Romania, Serbia, Montenegro to be evacuated
  - Evacuation of Russ
  - Access to Sea
    - to Serbia
    - to Russ by perennial opening of Dardanelles
- Disarmament & War Reparation

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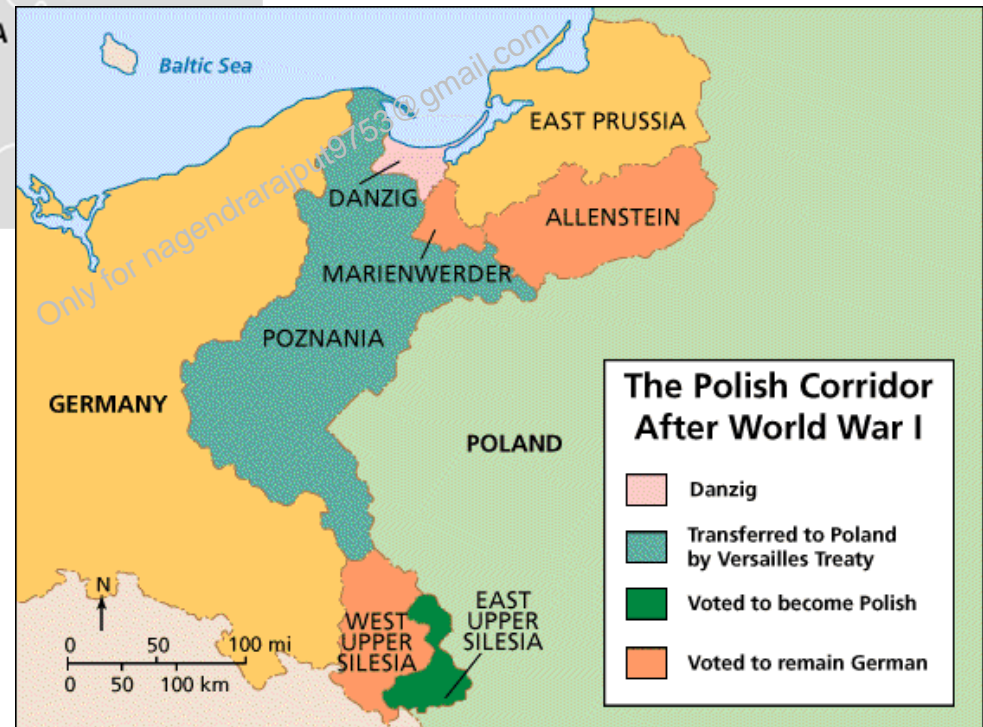
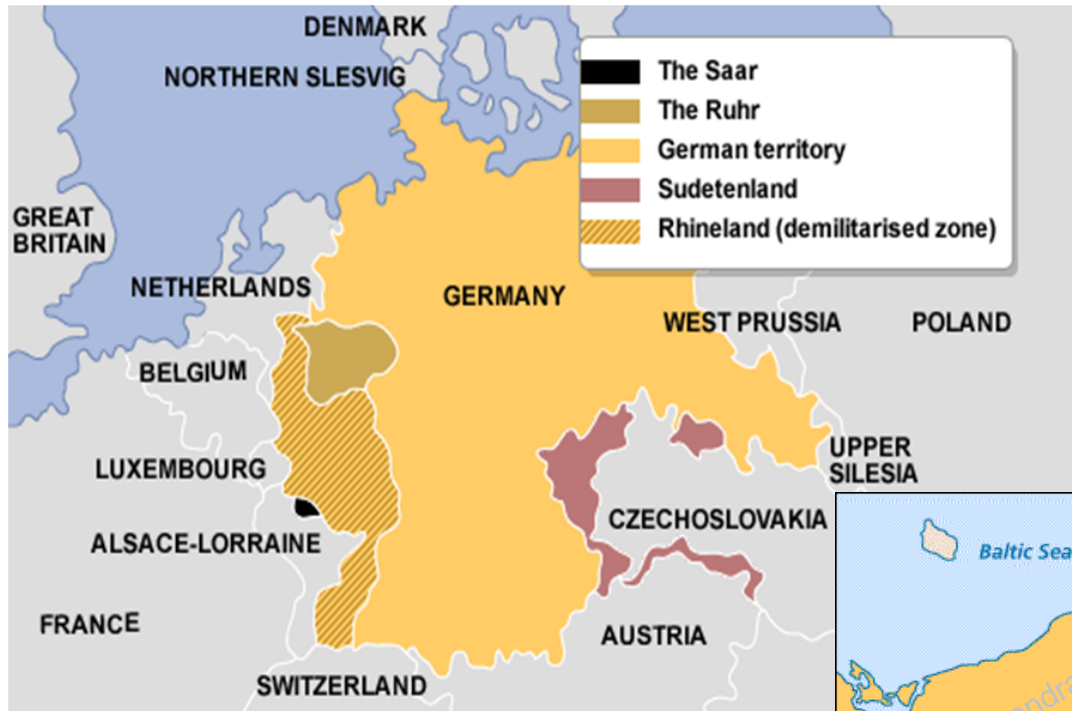
## 7.1] Treaty of Versailles:

- Attitude of the Allied Powers
- Germany lost territory in Europe:
  - Alsace Lorraine
  - Baltic states
  - to Denmark, Belgium, Poland, Lithuania (\*DBPL)
  - SAAR & DANZIG to LoN
    - R2Coal of Saar to Fr + Referendum after 15 yrs
- Union between Austria and Germany
- Germany's African & Pacific colonies
- Germany was disarmed:
  - Conscription, Rhineland, Arms
- War guilt clause:
- War Reparations:

## 7.2] Other Treaties:

- Treaty of St Germain (1919) & Treaty of Trianon (1920):
  - Self Govt
  - unsustainable small size (more on this later)
- 7.2.2] Treaty of Sevres (1920)
  - huge gain by Greece
  - Italy also got some
  - Dardanelles opened
  - Mandates
    - Br: TransJordan, Iraq, Palestine
    - Fr: Syria

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## 7.3] Verdict on Peace Treaties

- Dictated Peace
- Disarmament
- Principle of Self Determination
  - Germans: of Poland, of Sudetenland (Cz) and Anschluss barred.
  - Turks: Smyrna on Turkish mainland
  - Arabs: T.E. Lawrence 1916-8, Hopes of Arab independence dashed, Angry at Br promise of creation of Israel (Balfour Declaration, 1917)
  - Indians
- Principle of Economic Viability not followed in case of Austria-Germany Union

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- Loss of Colonies
  - Gr East Africa (Tanzania) to Br
  - Cameroon & Togoland to Fr
  - Gr SouthWest Africa to South Africa
- War Guilt Clause:
- War Reparations: 6600 mn pounds
- Austria:
  - Industrial wealth went to Cz (Sudetenland) & Poland—>Eco crisis—>loans from LoN
  - Free Trade clause neglected: This hurt Austria
- Russia did not gain much because was not invited

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## 8] Impact of the World War I (1914-19):

- **The Peace Treaties:**
  - weakened Gr only temporarily
  - Pro treaties <> Anti treaties
  - US Policy of Isolation
- **League of Nations**
- **Russia became Communist:**
- **Rise of US as a hegemonic power:**
  - what made US enter the war
  - not on US soil
  - entered at end
  - Loans to Allied before war & to Gr after the war to meet Reparations
  - War machine
  - Till 1929 high economic growth
  - Political stature Woodrow Wilson

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## 8] Impact of the World War I (1914-19):

- **European economy** suffered: they became dependent on US loans
- **Dismemberment of Ottoman Empire:** Turkey came into existence
- **Disintegration of Habsburg Empire:** divorce just before end of WW1
- **Rise of new nations states:**
  - From Habsburg: Austria, Hungary, Cz, Yugoslavia (Serbia+Montenegro)
  - Poland from Gr, Habsburg, Russia
  - From Russia: Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
  - Romania got some from Russ & Habsburg
- **Imperialism** continued:
- Introduction of **new Weapons:**
- World War I did change the **people's outlook** towards war

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