

ROLEPLAY: "the Outbreak of the war"

Déroulement du "serious game"

-Breaking news *front Cover of the Manchester Evening News* (Monday 29 June 1914). Reprise du travail fait avant la mise en groupe. Réactivation.

-Page avec tous les dirigeants des pays concernés. Cliquez sur François Joseph, Empereur d'Autriche.

-Austro-Hungarian Empire

-Present your role

-How do you react to the Assassination of the Archduke? Justify your position? Ask support from...

-The correct answer is "You declare war on Serbia"

Country	Military Alliances or allied	Reasons for the entry into WW1	Strength advantages and	Weaknesses
Austro-Hungarian Empire	Triple Alliance	The heir to the Austrian throne has been murdered by a Serbian independentist Wants to recover its former Strength Rebuild national Unity through war	A developed army The 3 rd greatest population of Europe	The country is made up of different ethnic groups (like Serbs) fighting for their independence The country is surrounded by the members of the Triple Entente

June 28, 1914	Archduke Franz Ferdinand is assassinated.
July 28, 1914	Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia, beginning World War I.

-Russian Empire

-Present your role

-How do you react to the declaration of war against Serbia? Justify your position. You support....

-The correct answer is "You mobilise your army"

Country	Military Alliances or allied	Reasons for the entry into WW1	Strength advantages and	Weaknesses
Russian Empire	Triple Entente Support from the Slavs / Serbs	The country is threatened by the expanding of the central Empires at its western borders The growth of Slavic Nationalism	Greatest population of Europe The size of the country	Russia is not an industrialised country The professional army is not that important compared to the others in Europe The size of the country

July 29, 1914	The Russian army gets ready to help Serbia to defend itself against an Austrian attack. Germany warns Russia not to help the Serbs
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-Ottoman Empire

-Present your role

-How do you react to the mobilization of the Russian army? Justify your position. You support....

-The correct answer is "You stay neutral"

Country	Military Alliances or allied	Reasons for the entry into WW1	Strength advantages and	Weaknesses
Ottoman Empire	Secret alliance with Germany	Recover its power after the humiliation in the Balkan Wars	Talented commanders of the Army	Sick man of Europe: decline Not industrialized/ antique railroad Lack of weapons

-United Kingdom

-Present your role

-How do you react to the declaration of war on Serbia and the mobilisation of the Russian army? Justify your position.

You support....

-The correct answer is "You stay neutral"

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United Kingdom	Triple Entente	The UK didn't want to enter a war Economic and military race with Germany	Largest Empire in the world (quarter of the globe) Most industrialized country First Navy New military equipment	Smallest professional army in Europe

-German Empire

-Present your role

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You support....

-The correct answer is "You declare war on Russia"

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German Empire	Triple Alliance Secret Agreement with the Ottoman Empire	Germany doesn't have a great Empire and feels inferior (2 Moroccan Crises (1905 and 1911) German nationalism has been growing since the victory against France and the creation of the German Empire in 1871	-well industrialized country -new military equipment -huge and increasing army -largest professional army in Europe -2 nd largest population -strong navy	-very small colonial empire -in case of war Germany will have to fight on two fronts

August 1, 1914	Germany declares war on Russia
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-Italy

-Present your role

-How do you react to the declaration of war on Russia? Justify your position. You support....

-The correct answer is "You stay neutral"

Country	Military Alliances or allied	Reasons for the entry into WW1	Strength advantages and	Weaknesses
Italy	-Triple Alliance since 1882... -but inside the country people are unhappy because Austria-Hungary is seen as an old enemy.	-Italy would like to set up colonies and develop an overseas empire	-in the past 14 years Italy has developed its army -position the Mediterranean Sea	-Young country/ weak government -only 2 colonies in Africa -the army isn't strong compared to Germany or Great Britain

France

-Present your role

-How do you react to the declaration of war on Russia? Justify your position. You support....

-The correct answer is "You start the general mobilization"

Country	Military Alliances or allied	Reasons for the entry into WW1	Strength advantages and	Weaknesses
France	Triple Entente	-France wants to have Alsace-Lorraine back -France wants to take revenge on Germany	-2 nd largest colonial empire -France has developed its army -Conscription army with a large population	-the navy isn't very strong compared to Great Britain or Germany

August 2, 1914	France orders the general mobilisation of 3 million men.
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-Breaking News:

-What's happening?

"Germany officially declares war upon France" / "Germany invades Belgium"

August 3, 1914	Germany invades Luxembourg and Belgium. Germany declares war on France
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Belgium

-Present your role

-How do you react to the German invasion? Justify your position. You ask support from

-The correct answer is "You fight back and ask for help"

Country	Military Alliances or allied	Reasons for the entry into WW1	Strength advantages and	Weaknesses
Belgium	Neutral Agreement (1839) between the UK and Belgium to protect Belgium in the event of war	Belgium doesn't want to enter a war till the German invasion	-A colonial Empire	-one of the smallest countries in Europe in terms of population -not a very strong army.

The United Kingdom

-How do you react to the German Invasion of Belgium? Justify your position

-The correct answer is "You declare war on Germany"

August 4, 1914	The UK declares war on Germany
August 10, 1914	Austria-Hungary invades Russia.

Un point sur les pays qui sont déjà entrés en guerre et ceux qui ne le sont pas encore. Cliquez sur « Next »

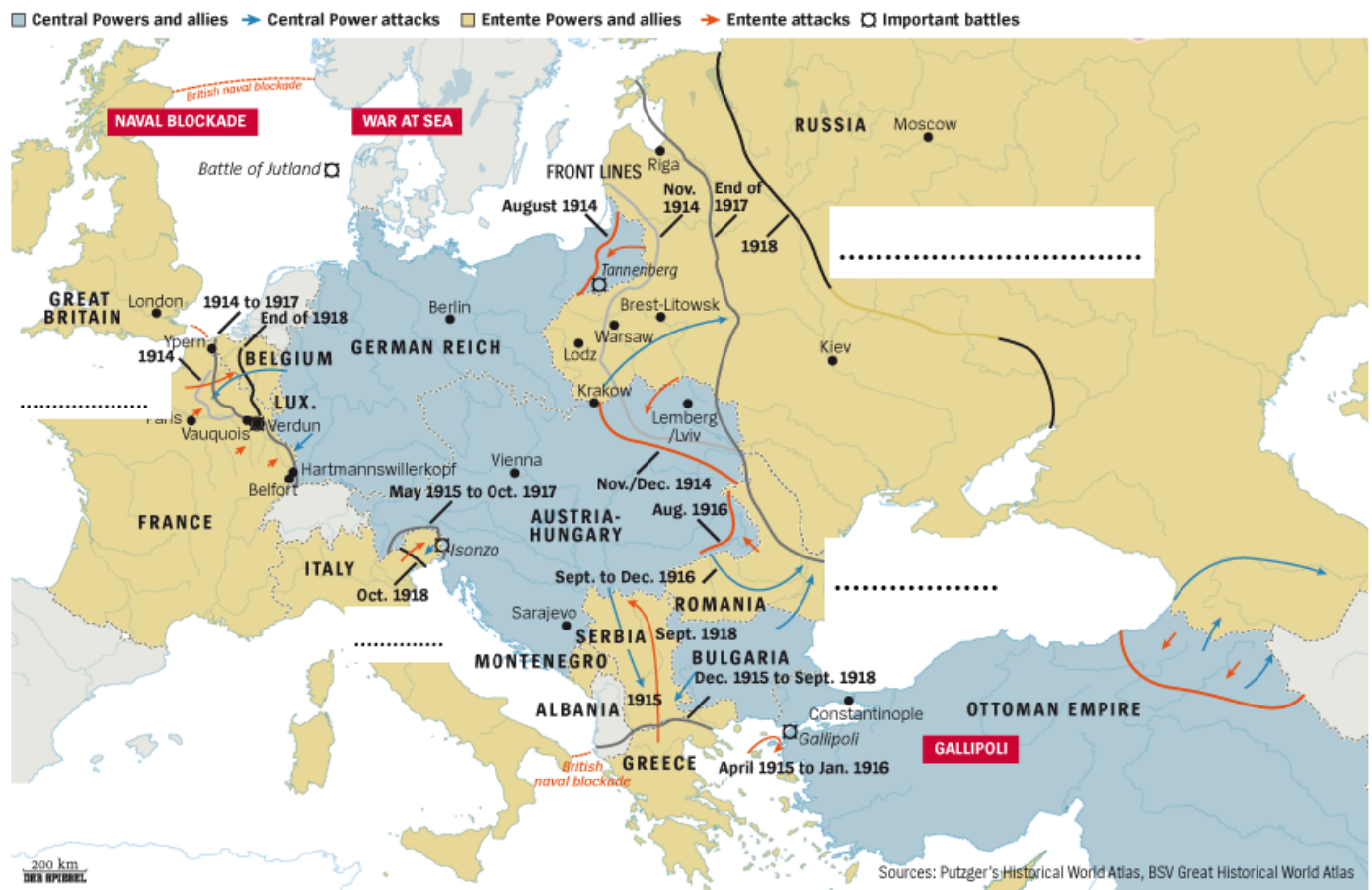
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-A nouveau un point sur les pays engagés dans le conflit à la fin du mois d'octobre 1914

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Frise chronologique complétée :

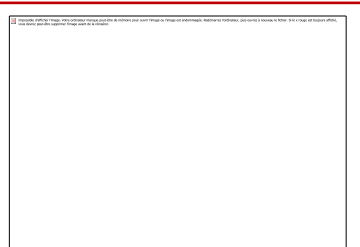
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Worksheet 1: The Western Front, Italy and Portugal

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June-September 1915

Italy launches an offensive against Austria-Hungary (Isonzo River)

GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON PORTUGAL

French Counter Attacks Drive Back Enemy; Russia Still Successful in East

(By Associated Press)
London, March 9.—Germany has declared war on Portugal. This move confirms the new change in the struggle. The declaration was due chiefly to the recent seizure of German vessels cleared at Portuguese ports, but Germany presented a series of alleged breaches of neutrality as contributing factors. Paris reports that violent German

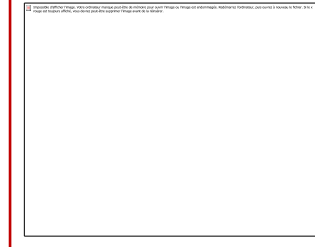
Vaux have been repulsed. Both assaults at Vaux are said to have been made in solid formation, but counter attacks drove them back with heavy losses. Near Sothioncourt, west of the river Meuse, the French declare they have driven the Germans from the important salient in Chateau Wood. Berlin says the Russian recent offensive on the eastern front has come to naught. The Russians on the Turkish Black Sea coast continue their progress towards Trebizond, and report successes in Persia. The Russian foreign office

March 1916

Portugal confiscates German ships and Germany declares war on Portugal

October 1917

Austro-German troops counter-attack and push back the front line in Italy



July 1918

Second Battle of the Marne: German retreat



February 1916
German offensive in Verdun



July 1916

Battle of the Somme: allies offensive



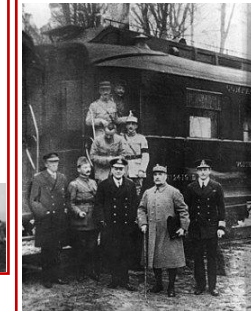
September 1917

Italian offensive on the Isonzo front



November 1918

Austria-Hungary and Germany sign an armistice with the Entente



May 1918

Spring offensive by Germany



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September – October 1915

Retreat of Russia and stabilization of the battle front



November 1917

Second revolution in Russia led by the Bolsheviks



December 1917

Armistice between Germany and Russia



February 1918

Operation Faustschlag: Austro-German offensive against Russia



June 1916

Brusilov offensive: Russia succeeds in its offensive



March 1917

Revolt of the Russian population, Tsar abdication



March 1918

Brest-Litovsk Treaty: Russia recognizes the independence of new states



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Worksheet 3: Naval and Submarine Warfare

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May 1915

Germany sinks the British ship Lusitania: German submarine warfare halted after the event because of the US protests



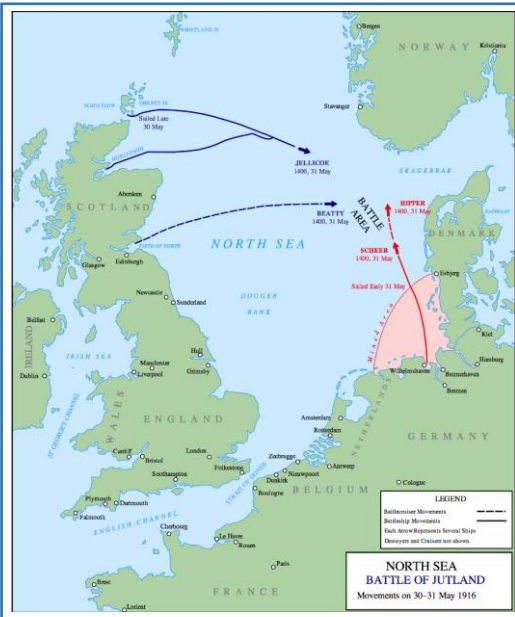
May 1916

Battle of Jutland: German and British fleets face off



January 1917

Zimmermann Telegram: Germany offers to Mexico to take an alliance against the US



January 1917

Germany relaunches unrestricted warfare (due to the US supplies given to the allies)



April 1917

The US declares war on Germany

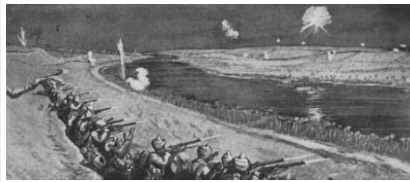


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Worksheet 4: The Ottoman and Macedonian Front

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January 1915

Central powers launch an offensive towards the Suez Canal



October 1915

Bulgaria joins the Central Power, invasion of Serbia, violation of Greece neutrality by the Allies to land reinforcements



September 1918

The Allies launch an offensive: Bulgaria forced to sign an armistice

November 1914

Opening of a new front in the Caucasus: Britain vs The Ottoman Empire

March 1915

Allies try to open a sea supply route for Russia but have to retreat



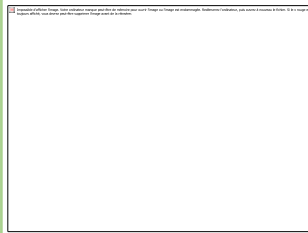
February 1915

Failure of the Ottoman offensive: Armenian massacre (Armenian people accused of supporting Russia)



April 1915

Gallipoli Campaign: military landing by the Allies



July 1917

Greece joins the Entente



October 1918

Armistice of Mudros signed by the Ottoman Empire

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Worksheet 5: Africa and Mesopotamia

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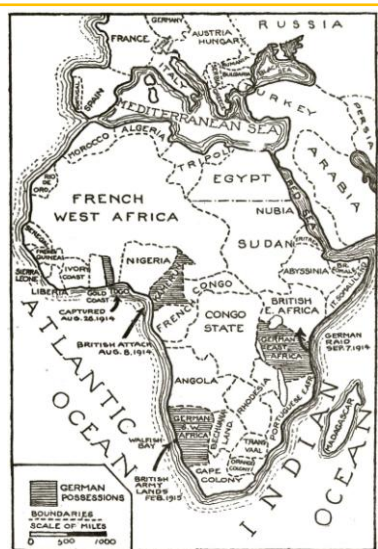
March 1916

Portugal sends troops to the French colonies in Africa



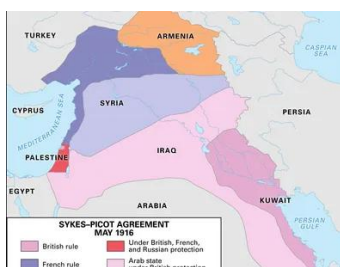
October 1917

British victory at the gates of Gaza



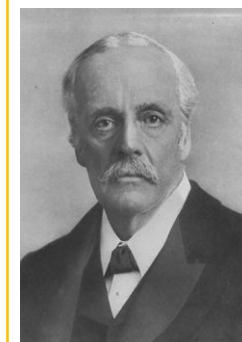
May 1916

Sykes-Picot agreement between France and Britain: partition of the Ottoman Empire after the war



November 1917

Balfour Declaration promising a state for Jewish people



Foreign Office,
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet.

His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object. It being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Yours faithfully,
Arthur Balfour