

# Causes of WWI

# Weapons of WWI

YouTube Video

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# Militarism

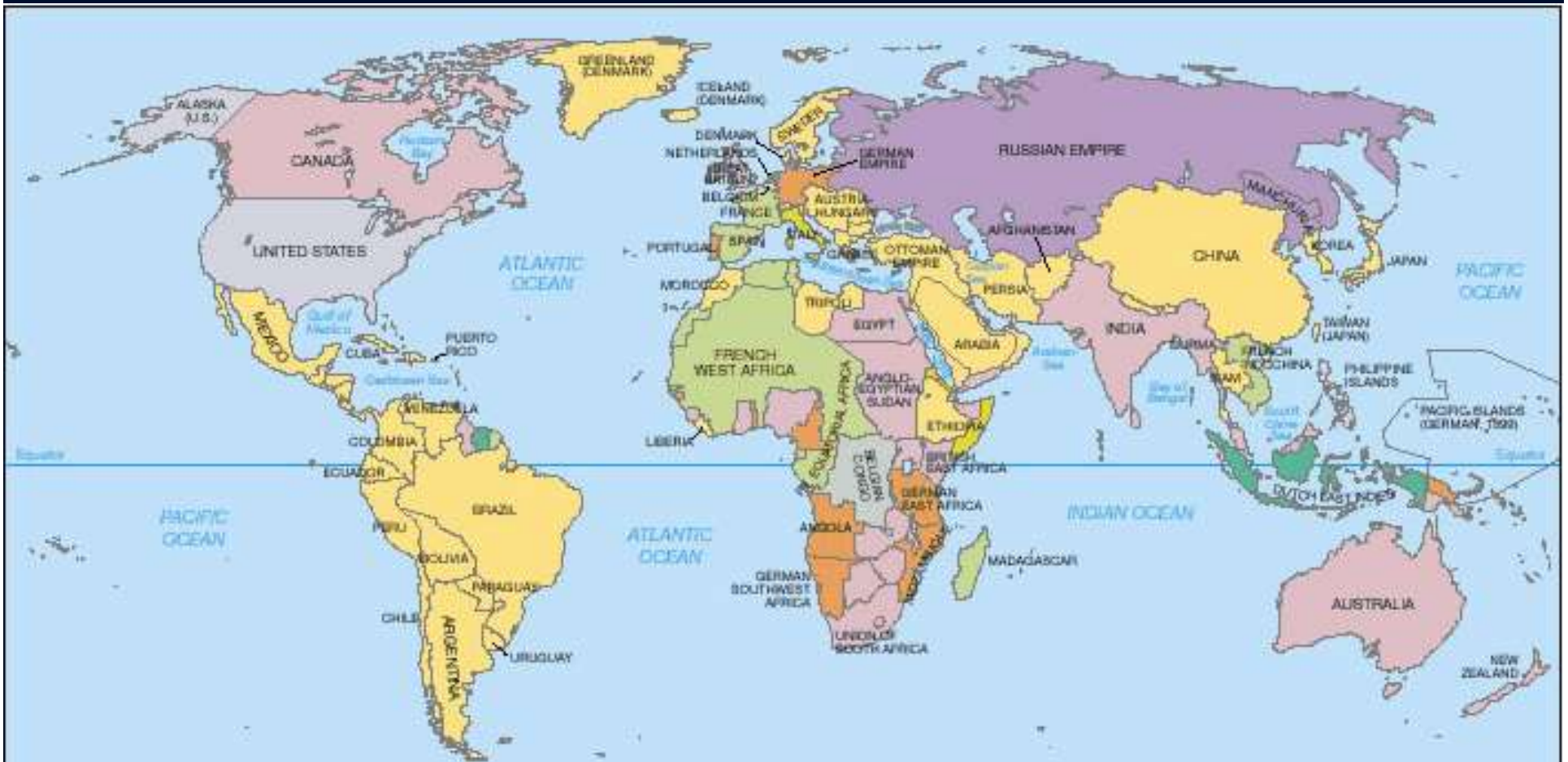
- New weapons of war
- Submarines – U-Boats
- Dreadnoughts, planes, tanks
- Zeppelins, flame throwers
- Grenades, poison gas, machine guns
- Build up of military

# Alliances

- Triple Alliance – Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy
- Triple Entente – Britain, France, Russia
- Belgium, Spain, Switzerland – neutral
- Bulgaria & Turkey align with Alliance – becomes Central Powers
- Italy switches sides and joins Allies

# Imperialism

- Competition for colonies around the world
- Africa, Asia, Southern Europe



**MAJOR WORLD STATES AND COLONIAL POSSESSIONS, 1900**

	Belgium		German Empire		Italy		Portugal		United States
	France		Great Britain		The Netherlands		Spain		Other Independent states

# Nationalism

- Intense pride led to rivalries
- Economic competition (trade, colonies)
- Political competition
- Military competition; arms buildup
- Feelings of racial superiority (Social Darwinism)

# Powder Keg of Europe

- Tension in the Balkans
- Bosnian Serbs want independence from Austria-Hungary
- Serbia wants to annex Bosnia
- Austria wants to crush Serbian influence in Bosnia
- Russia wants to control Balkans



# Powder Keg of Europe



# Behind the Scenes

- France bitter over loss of Alsace-Lorraine
- Britain sees Germany as economic and military threat (militaristic under Bismarck)
- Russia wants access to Mediterranean through Turkey
- Russia wants influence in the Balkans