

This is what we should cover:

6. European diplomacy and the First World War 1870 - 1923

This section deals with the longer- and shorter-term origins of the First World War, its course and consequences. The breakdown of European diplomacy pre-1914 and the crises produced in international relations should be examined. It covers how the practice of war affected the military and home fronts. The section also investigates reasons for the Allied victory/Central Powers' defeat plus a study of the economic, political and territorial effects of the post-war Paris Peace Settlement.

- **European diplomacy and the changing balance of power after 1870**([Group assignment](#))
- Aims, methods, continuity and change in German foreign policy to 1914; global colonial rivalry. [German foreign policy part 1. part 2.](#)
- Relative importance of: the [Alliance System](#); decline of the Ottoman Empire; Austria Hungary and Balkan nationalism; arms race; [international and diplomatic crises](#)
- Effects on civilian population; impact of war on women socially and politically
- Factors leading to the defeat of Germany and the other Central Powers (Austria Hungary, Ottoman Empire and Bulgaria); strategic errors; economic factors; the entry and role of the United States
- Post-war peace treaties and their territorial, political and economic effects on Europe: Versailles (St Germain, Trianon, Neuilly, Sèvres/Lausanne). **This is done with SL after week 40.**

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V 35	25 aug Group assignment.	26 aug Group assignment Conflicts 1870 - 1913	28 aug Group assignment	29 aug Group assignment
V 36	01 SEPTEMBER Aims, methods, continuity and change in German foreign policy to 1914; global colonial rivalry	02 sept German Foreign Policy.	04 sept German Foreign Policy.	05 sept German Foreign Policy.
V 37	08 sept	08 sept Alliance system	11 sept Decline Austria-Hungary	12 sept Balkans and the Decline of the Ottoman empire.
V 38	15 sept Factors leading to defeat.	16 sept Factors leading to defeat	28 sept Factors leading to defeat	19 sept Arms Race
V 39	22 sept Civilian population.	23 sept Civilian population.	25 sept D. Dag	26 sept Civilian population.