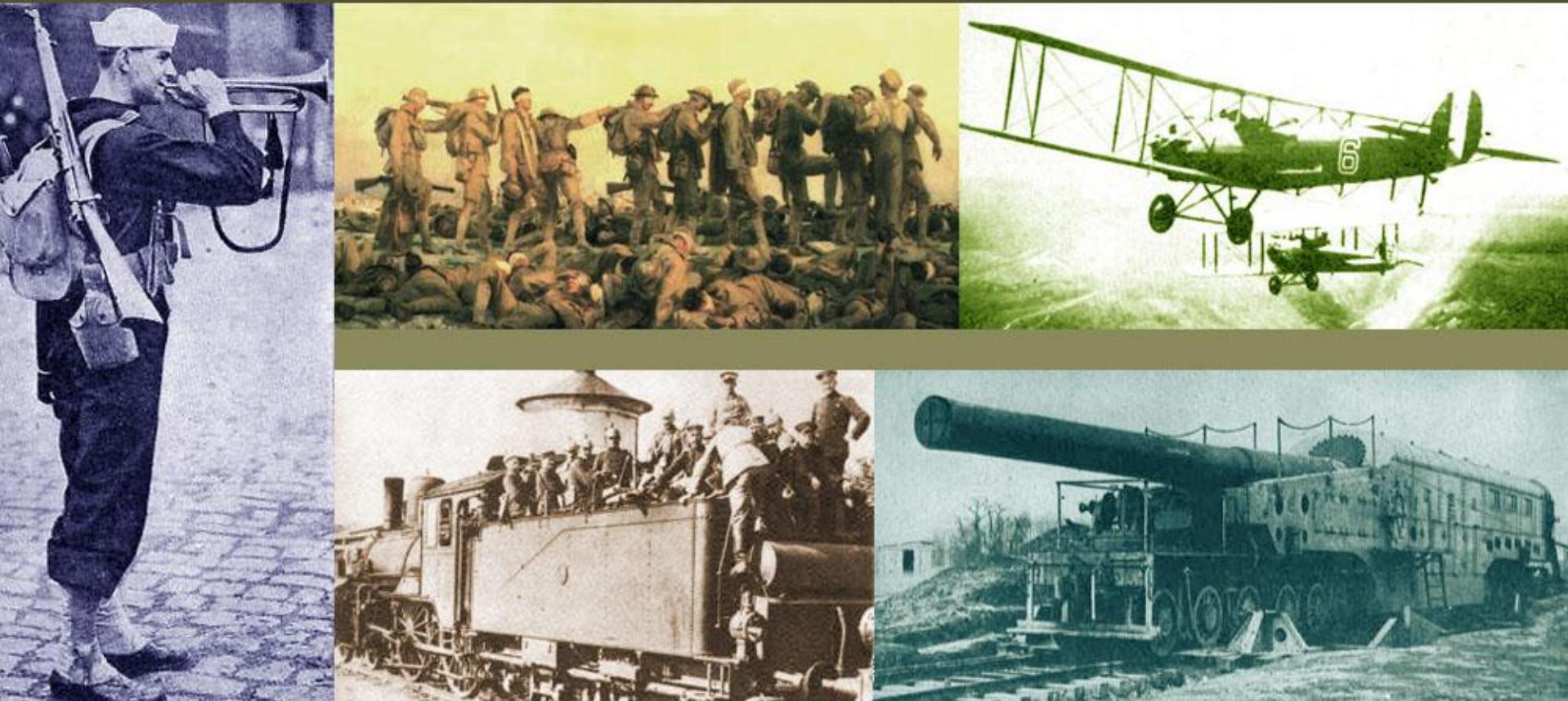


Causes of WWI



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Visual Literacy: Gallery Walk

- Museum Gallery Walk
- Complete the Graphic Organizer as you view the pictures in the gallery.
- Pictures of World War I

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Social Studies Theme: *Conflict / Change*

Essential Question:

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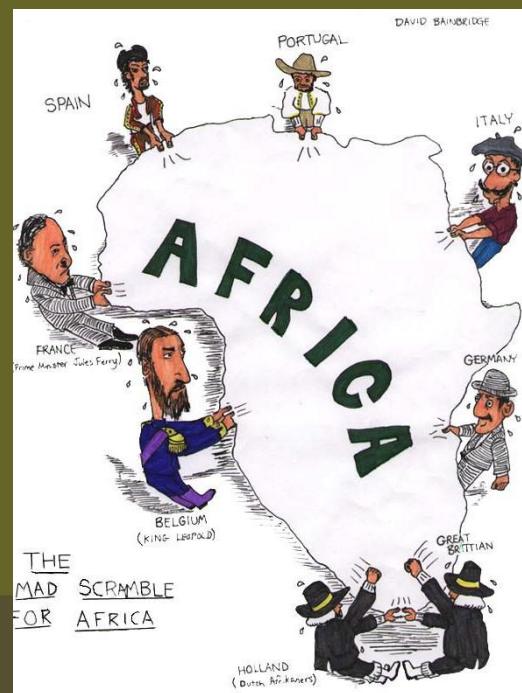
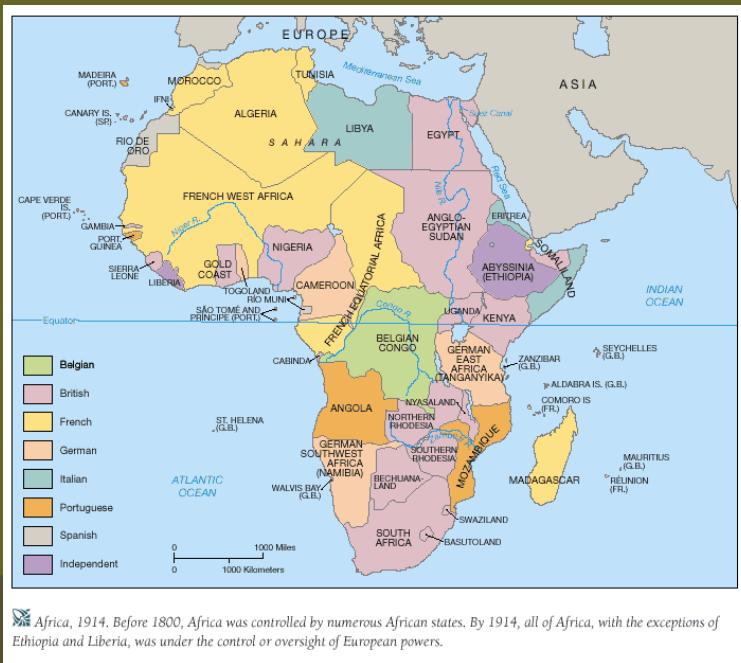
Empire Building Leads to Tension and World Conflict

- European nations such as Great Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, and many more were building empires all over the world. They were all especially eager in building colonies in Africa. Due to the abundance of natural resources, many countries were scrambling to claim the land first.



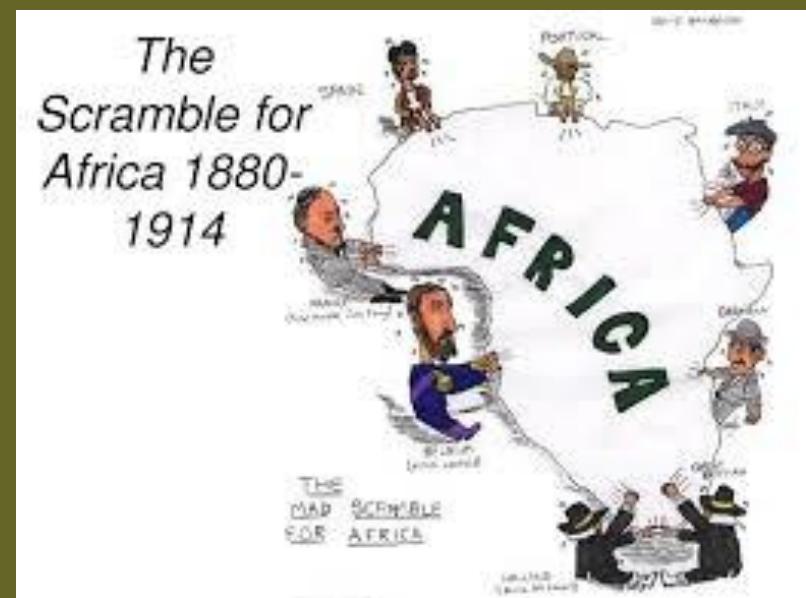
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- Africa in 1914
- Nearly all areas of Africa were controlled by European powers in 1914.





Political Cartoon



Analyze the two political cartoons.



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- Asia in 1914
- Large portions of Asia were also controlled by European powers directly or by influencing local leaders





Causes of WWI

IMPERIALISM:

- European nations were constantly looking for more land to colonize.
- These colonies supplied Europe with new markets, raw materials, and added to their sense of prestige or greatness.
- Since Europe controlled Africa and most of Asia, few areas were left to colonize.
- This created conflict between the old superpower countries of Great Britain and France and the newer rising powers of Germany, Russia, and Italy.



Causes of WWI

WWI Propaganda Poster

■ NATIONALISM:

- Nationalism is a feeling of intense loyalty to one's country.
- Tension caused by nationalism led to WWI.
- Nationalism caused new nations to be formed such as Germany and Italy.
- These nations challenged the supreme position of older European nations.
- Nationalism also threatened to break apart empires, such as Austria – Hungary, because different ethnic groups wanted independent nations of their own.





Causes of WWI



- **MILITARISM / MILITARY BUILDUP**
 - Nations began building up their armies to protect their very profitable colonies.
 - As the militaries grew bigger, all of the countries began to feel threatened by each others' huge armies.
 - This created tension among Europe and bitter rivalries developed between the countries



Causes of WWI

- MILITARY ALLIANCES
 - As tensions grew, countries began forming *alliances*, or defense agreements, to help each other out if a war started.
 - Many thought that this would help prevent war, but it actually contributed to a HUGE war.
 - One country could start a war with another, but it would not just be those countries fighting. Their allies, or friends, would have to get into the war as well.



Causes of WWI

- MILITARY ALLIANCES

By 1914, Europe had divided into two powerful alliances:

TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Germany

Austria-Hungary

Italy

TRIPLE ENTENTE

Great Britain

France

Russia



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ASSIGNMENT

Create an acrostic about the M.A.I.N. causes of WWI. Do a word/definition/picture for each cause discussed today.



The DBQ Project

- What are you going to do with all this information!!
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8MlNzi1s_k