

# Should you always support an ally?

- World War I has begun. You are the leader of a European country and must decide what to do. Your nation is one of several that have agreed to support each other in the event of war. Some of your allies already have joined the fight. You oppose the thought of war and fear that joining will lead to even more lives lost. Yet, you believe in being loyal to your allies. You also worry that your rivals want to conquer all of Europe – and if you don't join the war now, your country may end up having to defend itself.
- Should you always support a friend, no matter what he or she does?
- What might be the long-term consequences of refusing to help an ally?

# World War I





# WWI Begins

## Causes of WWI

# Militarism

- Maintaining a strong military
- The build up of military forces

# Britain



# Germany



# Alliance

- An alliance is an agreement made between two or more countries to give each other help if needed.



# Alliances

1879

The Dual Alliance  
Germany and Austria-Hungary  
make an alliance to protect  
themselves from Russia.



1880

The Triple Alliance  
Germany and Austria-  
Hungary make an alliance  
with Italy to stop Italy taking  
sides with Russia.



1881

Austro-Serbian Alliance  
Austria-Hungary makes an  
alliance with Serbia to  
prevent Russia gaining  
control of Serbia.

1894

Franco-Russian  
Alliance  
Russia allied with  
France to protect herself  
from Austria-Hungary  
and Germany.



1904

Entente Cordiale  
This was an agreement but  
not a formal alliance  
between Britain and  
France



1907

The Anglo-Russian  
Entente  
Britain and Russia ended  
their differences with this  
alliance.



1907

The Triple Entente  
This alliance between Britain, France and Russia  
was made because of worsening relations between  
Germany and Russia and Germany and Britain

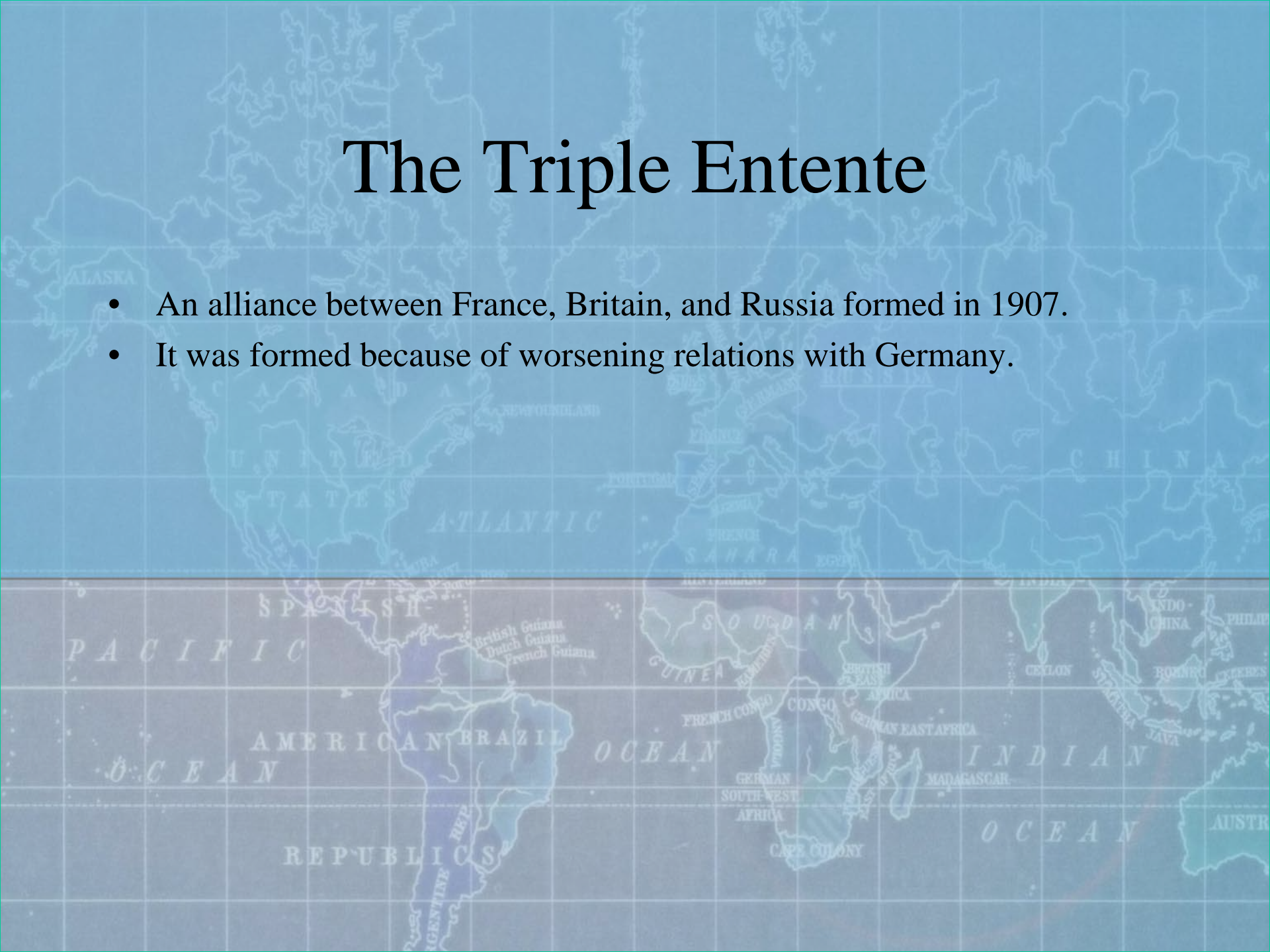
# The Triple Alliance

- Otto von Bismarck, chancellor of Germany, forms the triple alliance with Italy and Austria Hungary in 1880
- He also signed a treaty with Russia in 1881
- Kaiser Wilhelm II the new ruler of Germany in 1888, let the treaty with Russia lapse in 1890.
- Russia then forms a treaty with France.



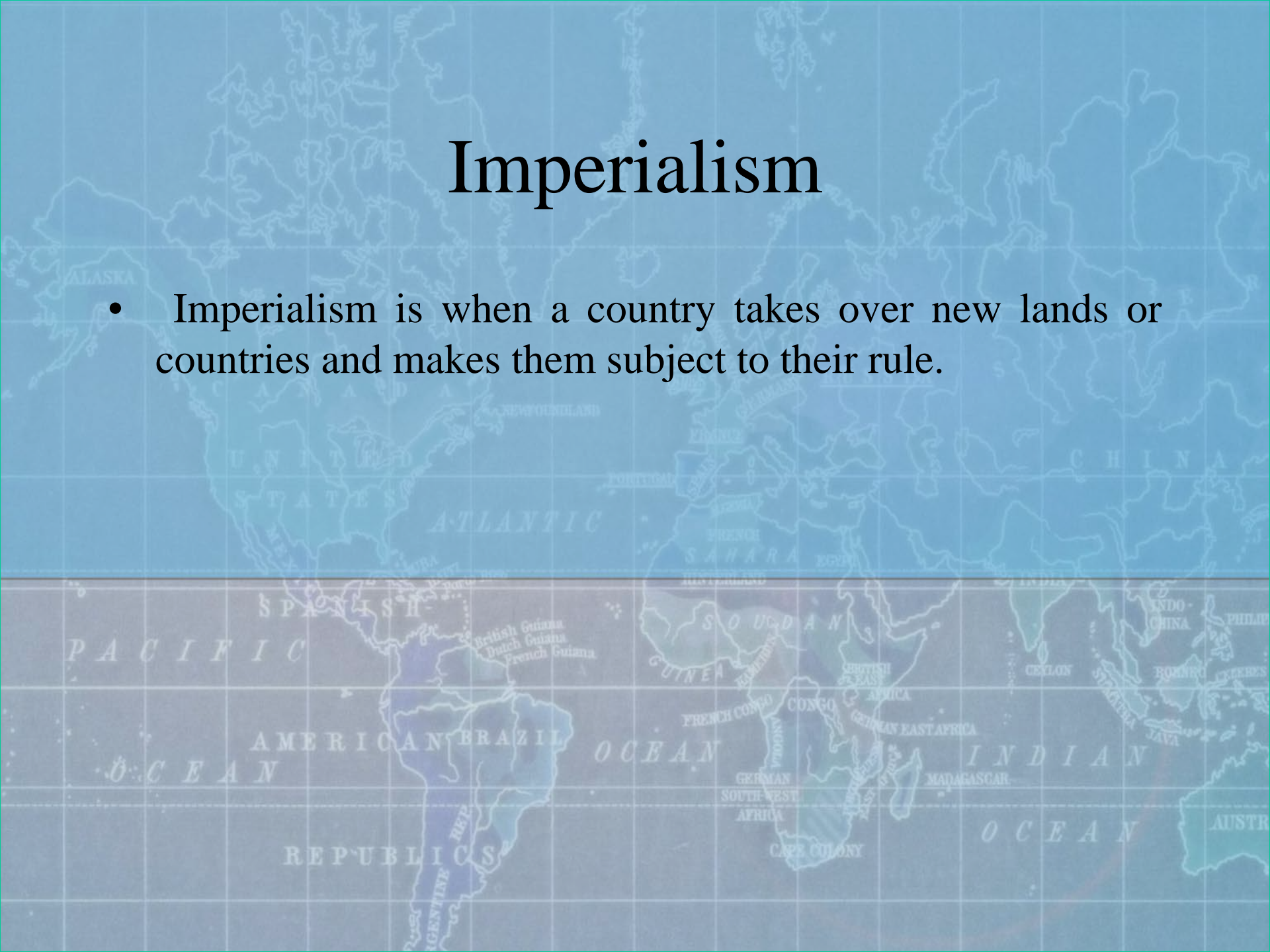
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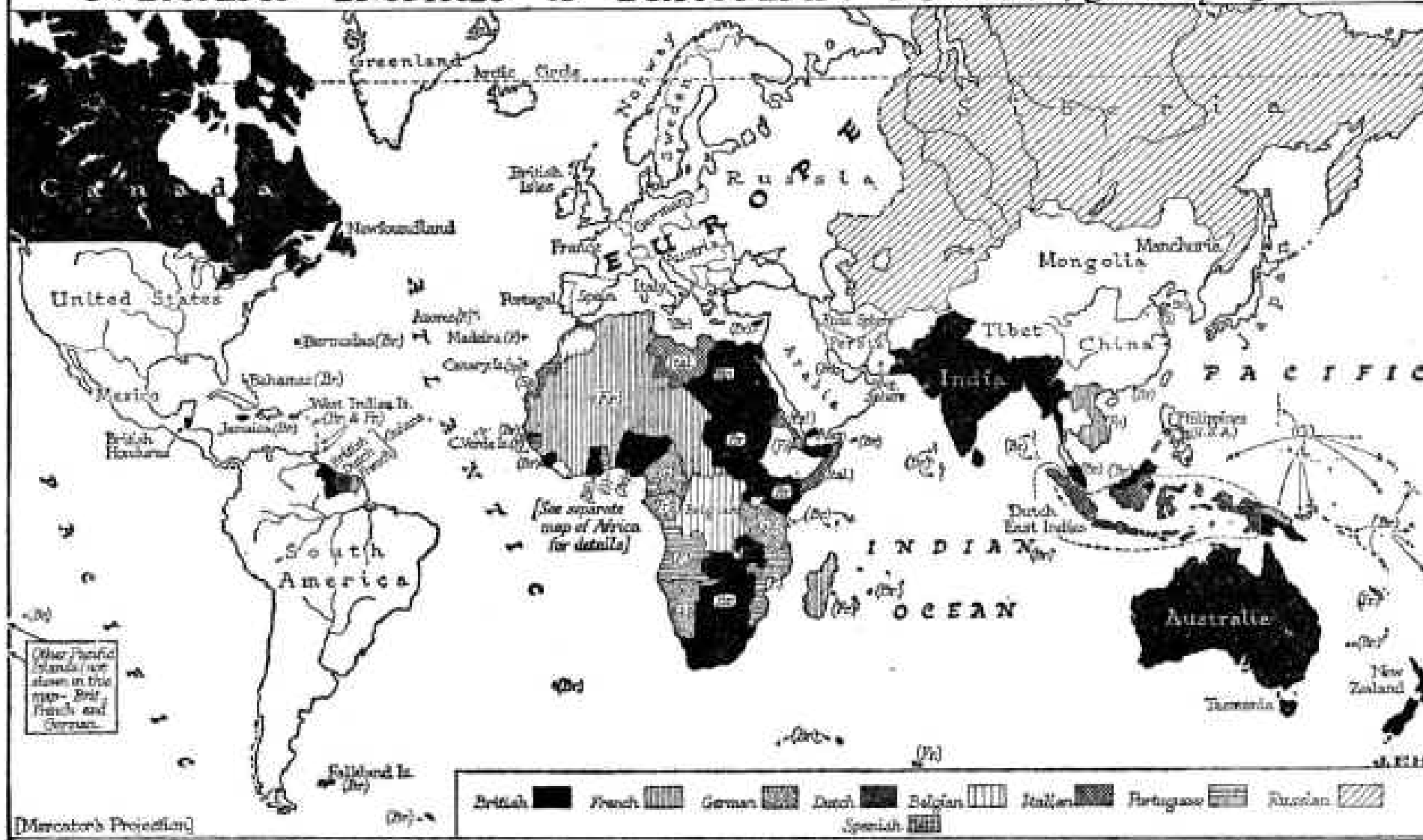
# Imperialism

- Imperialism is when a country takes over new lands or countries and makes them subject to their rule.



# Imperialism

OVERSEAS EMPIRES of EUROPEAN POWERS, *January 1914.*



# Nationalism

- Devotions to the interests or culture of one's own nation.





ICELAND  
(DENMARK)

0 300 600 miles

ATLANTIC  
OCEAN

NORWAY

SWEDEN

FINLAND

IRELAND  
GREAT  
BRITAIN

DENMARK

NETHERLANDS

RUSSIA

BELGIUM

GERMANY

LUX.

FRANCE

SWITZ. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

PORTUGAL

ITALY

RUMANIA

SPAIN

CORSICA

MONTE  
NEGRO

BULGARIA

BALEARE IS.  
(Sp.)

SARDINIA

ALBANIA

SERBIA

PERSIA

SPANISH  
MOROCCO

SIKLY

GREECE

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

FRENCH  
MOROCCO

ALGERIA  
(Fr.)

TUNIS  
(Fr.)

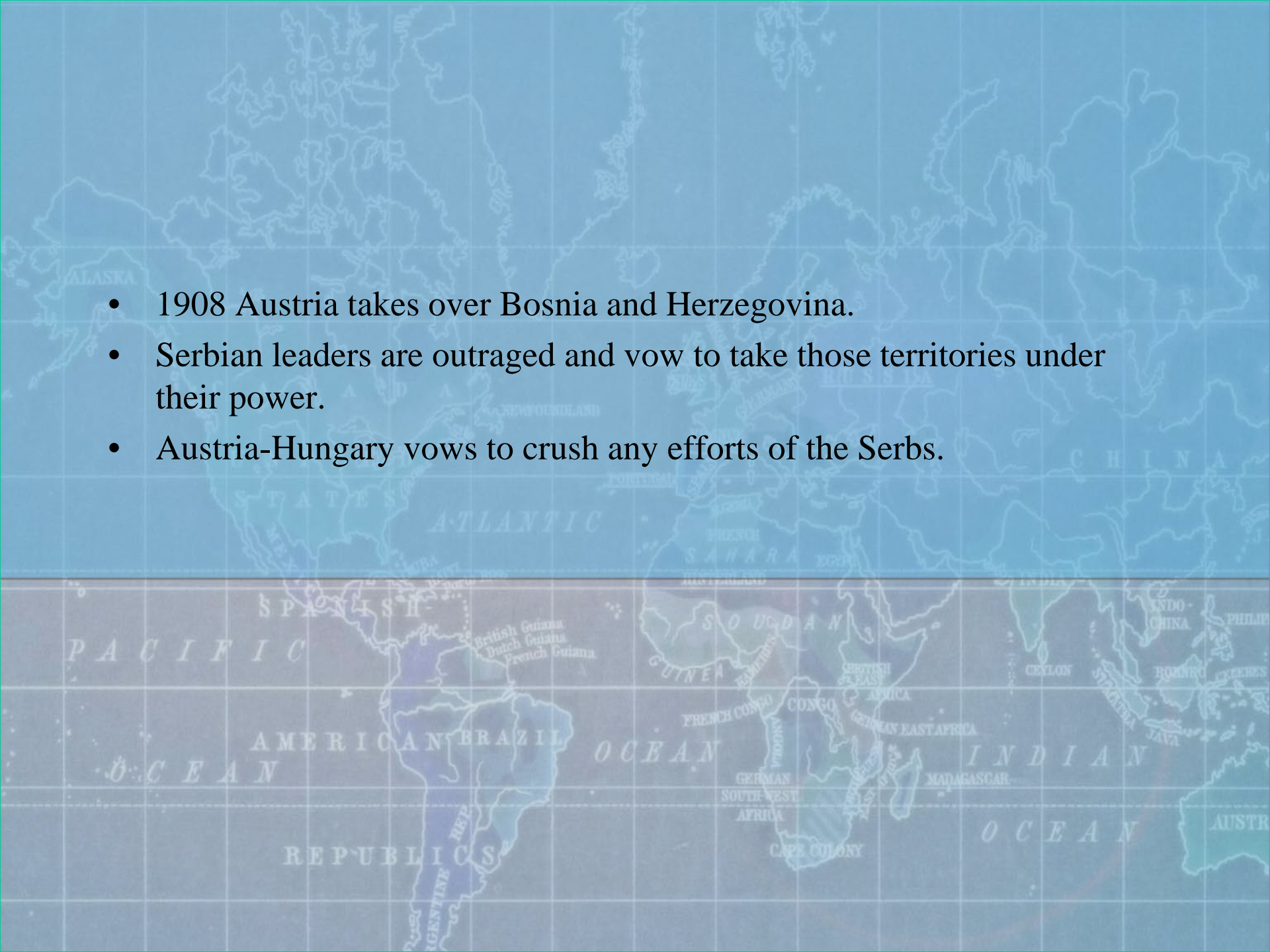
MALTA  
(Gr. Britain)

DODECANESE IS.  
CRETE  
(Greece)

CYPRUS  
(Gr. Britain)

# Crisis in the Balkans

- Nationalism was a powerful force in the Balkans because many of the countries had just won their independence from their Turkish rulers and formed their own nations.
- Serbia wants one large Slavic nation.
- Austria-Hungary opposes because they think it will stir rebellion among its Slavic population.

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- 1908 Austria takes over Bosnia and Herzegovina.
  - Serbian leaders are outraged and vow to take those territories under their power.
  - Austria-Hungary vows to crush any efforts of the Serbs.

1878



← Serbia, Greece, and Bulgaria fight Ottoman Empire, 1912-1913

1914



← Serbia, Greece, Romania, and Ottomans fight Bulgaria, 1913

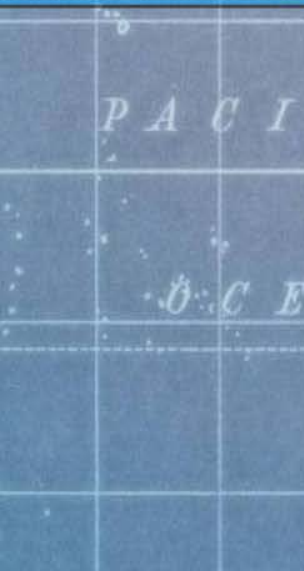


# The Shot that sparks WWI

- Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife visit Sarajevo, the capitol of Bosnia on June 28, 1914.
- Both are shot by Gavrilo Princip, a member of the **Black Hand**, a Serbian Nationalist group.
- The Black Hand was a secret society committed to ridding Bosnia of Austrian Rule.

# Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand







ARGENTINE

## Do this...or else...

- Austria presents Serbia an ultimatum
- Serbia would not agree to all terms
- Austria rejected Serbia's offer and declared war on Serbia
- Russia enters the war to protect Serbia from Austria-Hungary

# Progression

- Russia begins to mobilize troops to put on Germany's border
- Germany declares war on Russia, then France
- Great Britain declares war on Germany

## The Crime of the Ages—Who Did It?



Source: John McCutcheon, *The Chicago Tribune*; H. H. Windsor, *Cartoons Magazine* (adapted)



IF YOU HIT THAT LITTLE FELLER I'LL -

IF YOU STRIKE MY FRIEND I'LL -

IF YOU HIT HIM I'LL -

HI THERE IF YOU DONT -

IF YOU MAKE A MOVE I'LL -

IF YOU TOUCH ME I'LL -

AUSTRIA

RUSSIA

GERMANY

FRANCE

SERBIA



# Schlieffen Plan

