

**ASSIGNMENT 7: Map Investigation**

Maps are useful tools for building a historical context; they provide us with all sorts of information at a glance. For example, a military history map shows the evolution of the front lines along with the location of various important battle sites. Political maps are useful for presenting the location of countries, capitals, and alliance systems. Combining the two types of maps creates an even more comprehensive context, e.g. in the context of the Great War we can see where the assassination took place, the route taken by Germany for its surprise attack on France, important geographic locations like the Dardanelles, etc.

For this assignment student will complete a number of research tasks ranging from answering basic questions about why some nations remained neutral during or joined specific alliances to labeling important locations pertinent to understanding World War I.

**Procedure:**

1). Answer the following research questions related to the *Europe in 1914* map:

- i. List the countries remaining neutral during the Great War.
- ii). Why did each of these countries specifically remain neutral?
- iii). Why did Bulgaria join the Central Powers?

2). Complete the following map tasks. In all cases, ensure labels are clearly printed and readable. Also, use the following symbols and approaches when it comes to labelling:

**Bodies of Water & Country Names:** write country names in all caps, e.g. RUSSIA, ENGLAND.

**Cities:** write city names using Standard English, e.g. Moscow, London.

**Shading:** draw parallel lines at 45 degrees to indicate areas lost, e.g. Alsace-Lorraine (Germany).

**Battles:** draw an explosion at the location of the Battle of Jutland (naval battle) and a poison gas cloud at the Battle of Ypres (site where poison gas was first used).

**Troop Movements:** indicate the starting and ending point of troop movements, e.g. Schlieffen Plan, etc. by drawing a line and arrow along the specific path.

**Assassination:** locate the city on the map where the Arch Duke Francis Ferdinand was assassinated and write the city name along with a skull and crossbones.

**Dardanelles:** circle the Dardanelles.

**Tasks**

- i). Label the following Allied countries: England, France, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Rumania, Russia, Belgium and Serbia.
- ii). Label the following Central Power countries: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.
- iii). Label the following capitals: Berlin, Vienna, Sophia, Constantinople, Moscow, and Rome.
- iv). Shade in the territory France gained at Germany's expense in 1918.
- v). Identify the city where the Arch Duke Francis Ferdinand was assassinated.
- vi). Indicate the route taken by the Germans during their surprise attack on France through the *Schlieffen Plan*.
- vii). Identify the location of the only naval battle to take place during the Great War, e.g. Battle of Jutland (1916).
- viii). Identify where poison gas was first used by Germany at the Battle of Ypres (1915).
- ix). Circle the Dardanelles.
- x). Identify the following bodies of water: English Channel, Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Baltic Sea, North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

