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**WORLD WAR I ALLIANCES: ORIGINS**

**PART I: THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE (“CENTRAL POWERS”)**

**1870:** Unification of Germany

**1870-1871**: Franco-Prussian War. *What does France lose to Germany?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1871:** Unification of Germany

*Why does Bismarck wish to avoid war once Germany is unified?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**1873:** The THREE EMPERORS LEAGUE*.* *Who is in it?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1877:** RUSSO-TURKISH WAR over the Balkan states. **Three Emperors League collapses**.

*What is Pan-Slavism?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1878 (March):** TREATY OF SAN STEFANO

*What does Russia gain? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Who is angered by this? Why?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**1878 (June-July):** CONGRESS OF BERLIN

*Why was it called? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*What resulted for Bulgaria and Austria? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*How did Russia feel? How did its status change?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1879:** DUAL ALLIANCE: Germany and Austria

*Why is it formed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*3 reasons this may have been a mistake: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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**1881:** THREE EMPERORS LEAGUE is reestablished. *Why?*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**1882:** TRIPLE ALLIANCE (a.k.a. The Central Powers) is formed.

*Why does Italy want to join?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**1888:** Kaiser Wilhelm II (“Willy”) ascends the throne. He is half-British, and the grandson of Queen Victoria, who reigns in Britain until 1901.

*What kind of man is he? How are his policies different from Bismarck’s?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*What does he want for Germany? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**1890:** Willy forces Bismarck to resign. All the peaceful relations he had worked so hard to achieve collapsed.

**PART II: THE TRIPLE ENTENTE (“THE ALLIES”)**

**1894:** FRANCO-RUSSIAN ENTENTE. *Why did these two nations ally?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**1898:** Germany is now seen as Britain’s “enemy” in Europe. Willy starts building a **naval fleet.**

*Who was the fleet aimed at?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This led to an **ARMS RACE** between these two great powers. *What effect does this have on Britain’s desire for alliances? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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***1902:*** *British support Japan against Russia, in return for Japanese protection of British interests in Asia.*

**1904:** ENTENTE CORDIAL: Britain and France ally. *Why? What do they each gain?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**1905:** RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR over Korea. Britain supports Japan!

REVOLUTION in Russia due to Bloody Sunday and discontent over the war.

**1905-1906:** FIRST MOROCCAN CRISIS*. How does Germany test the alliance between Britain and France? What effect does this have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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**1907:** ANGLO-RUSSIAN ENTENTE*. Why does Russia ally with Britain, of all nations? \_*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In the end, the two major alliances that formed were the:

**Triple Alliance (Central Powers): Triple Entente (The Allies):**

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2. 2.

3. 3.

*How had Bismarck’s nightmare of a* ***two-front war*** *for Germany become a very real possibility?*