

**Purpose:** The purpose of this worksheet is to learn about the geography of Europe at the start of World War I, the alliances in place when the war began, and the position of the United States during World War I.

**Directions:** Use your knowledge from pages 706 - 711 in *America: A History of Our Nation* and from "The Causes of World War I" reading to follow the steps in coloring the map on page 3 of this packet and answer questions 13 - 18.

## WORLD WAR I - GEOGRAPHY AND ALLIANCES

1. Color the water areas of this map lightly with a blue pencil / crayon / marker and label the following:

Baltic Sea	North Sea	Strait of Gibraltar
Mediterranean Sea	English Channel	Black Sea

2. On a map, label each of the following countries:

Belgium	Denmark	Great Britain	Greece
Romania	Germany	Norway	France
Ottoman Empire (Turkey)		Italy	Austria-Hungary
Albania	Russia	Bulgaria	Netherlands
Sweden	Luxembourg	Switzerland	Spain
Portugal	Montenegro	Serbia	

3. Outline the boundaries of those nations that were members of the Triple Entente with purple.
4. Outline the boundaries of those nations that were members of the Triple Alliance with pink.
5. The Lusitania was sunk off the southern coast of Ireland. Locate this spot with a red star.
6. Outline the Balkan Peninsula with a heavy brown line.
7. Develop a key in the blank box on the map showing the colors you have used and will use for each task or create labels on the map.
8. Shade those nations which fought on the side of the Central Powers with pink.
9. Shade with purple those nations which fought on the side of the Allies.
10. With orange show the British blockade.
11. Color yellow those nations that remained neutral.
12. Color the area of German submarine activity dark blue.

13. Which alliance did the United States join when it entered the war and why?

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14. List the five causes of the First World War.

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15. What is propaganda and how was it used during World War I?

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16. Why was the sinking of the Lusitania important to the people of the United States? In what year was the Lusitania sunk?

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17. What was the immediate cause of the United States' entry into World War I? In what year did the United States enter the war?

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18. Wilson's famous words when he asked Congress to declare war were "the world must be made safe for democracy". How did the Russian Revolution make it easier for Wilson to make this statement?

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