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Social Studies 11 Unit 3 Growing Pains: Canada 1914-1929

3A Europe before WWI

Counterpoints text reference: p. 22, 23, 28, Five Empires handout, other online sources if needed.

Instructions: examine the handout (or an online source) showing five "empires" which existed just prior to World War I and answer the following chart and questions. Some cells may remain blank.

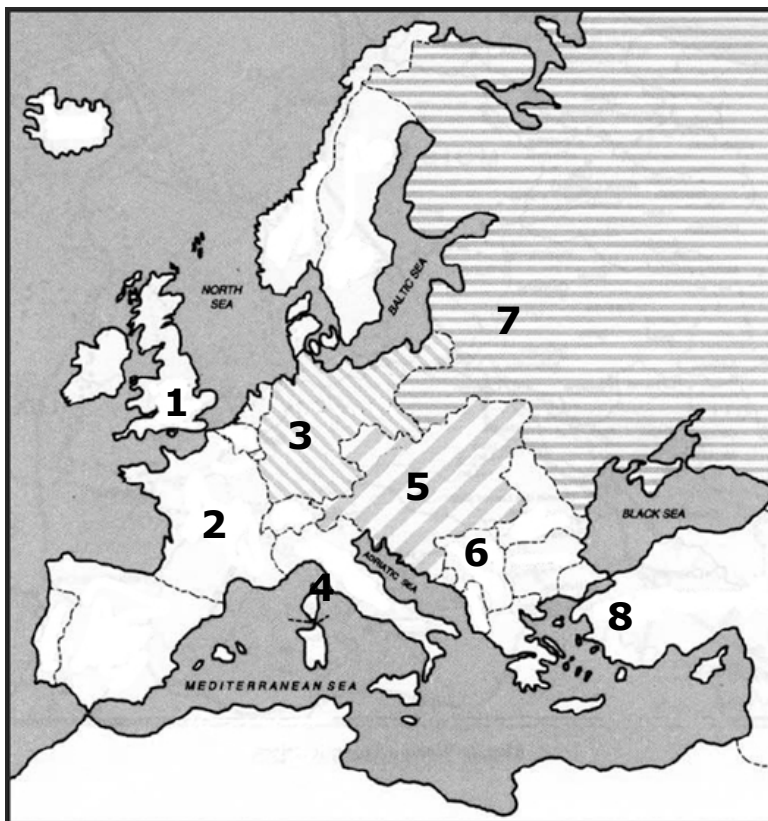
Country	Britain	Germany	Russia	Austria-Hungary	France
Population					
Number of Colonies					
Size of Colonies					
Population of Colonies					
Size of Army					
Size of Navy					
Coal Output each year					
Steel Output each year					

1. Which country had the biggest overseas empire in 1914?
2. Which of the other two nations with overseas empires (colonies) would you say was stronger than the other? Explain your answer.

3. Which country had the biggest army?
4. Which country had the biggest navy?
5. Why do you think countries kept such large armed forces?

6. Which of the five had the strongest industrial output?
7. Which of the five had the largest population?
8. Using the evidence you have gathered, which country do you think was the leading world power in 1914? Before deciding, ask yourself what makes a country strong. Is it the size of the army, its industry, its trade, or some kind of combination?

9. See if you can identify the following countries as they existed before WWI:



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