

Geography and Chronology of the World War



1. North and South America.

ALTHOUGH EUROPE WAS THE MAIN BATTLEFIELD OF THE WAR, EVENTS OF ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE OCCURRED IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THE BRITISH AND GERMAN FLEETS CLASHED OFF THE SOUTH AMERICAN COAST, AND IN 1917 THE UNITED STATES AND MANY OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS DECLARED FOR THE ALLIED CAUSE.

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2. Europe, Africa and the Near East.

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE WEEKS OF WAR SWEEPING OVER THE WORLD HAVE WROUGHT MOMENTOUS CHANGES IN THE MAP OF EUROPE, AFRICA, AND THE NEAR EAST. NATIONAL BOUNDARIES WILL IN MANY CASES BE OBLITERATED, MODIFIED OR WHOLLY RECAST. GERMANY'S VAST COLONIAL POSSESSIONS ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE ALLIES. PALESTINE AND MESOPOTAMIA HAVE BEEN EMANCIPATED FROM OTTOMAN RULE.

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3. Asia, Oceania, and the Far East.

ASIA AND OCEANIA HAVE NOT ESCAPED THE INFLUENCE OF THE WORLD CONVULSION. AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN HAVE PLAYED A NOTABLE PART IN THE WAR. THE ISLAND POSSESSIONS OF GERMANY AND HER COLONY IN KIAO-CHAU HAVE BEEN WRESTED FROM HER CONTROL.