

Map of **EUROPE** in 1914 – What did it look like?

1. Germany and Austria-Hungary (Triple Alliance), were located in the middle between France and Russia (Triple Entente).
2. Great Britain is an island surround by water, and close to their ally France.
3. Belgium and Switzerland are small neutral countries located between France and Germany (enemies).

Map of **AFRICA** in 1914 – What did it look like?

1. France and Britain (Triple Entente) controlled most of northern Africa, including its vast oil regions.
2. Germany had a few small scattered colonies that were not connected to each other.
3. Other European countries also developed colonies in Europe (ie. Belgium, Italy, etc.)

Why did Europeans want colonies in Africa and around the world?

- to gain resources (oil, rubber, food, metals, etc.)
- to form army bases in strategic areas (militarism)
- to start up new profitable trade routes
- to show their power and military strength