

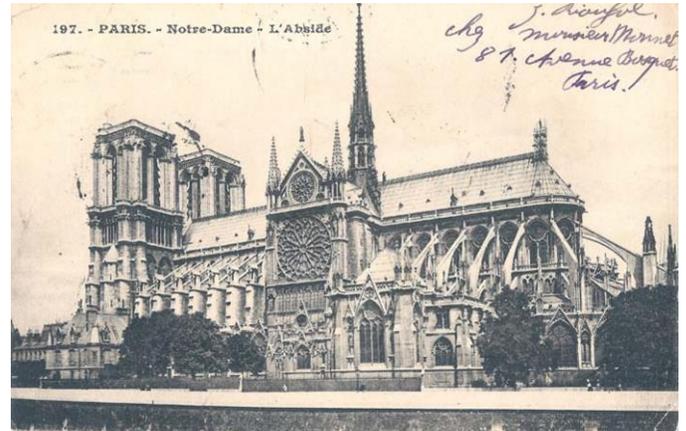


MacArthur Memorial Education Programs

Stalemate Critical Thinking and Primary Sources

Directions: Use the documents below and any information you have learned about WWI so far to answer the following questions.

1. This postcard shows Notre Dame, located in Paris. Based on the postcard, what do you think Notre Dame is? What led you to your conclusion? What significance do you think this building had during the war?



2. Based on the headlines below from September 1914, describe what you think the mood in Paris was like at this time. What led you to your conclusion? Do you think the censorship hurt or helped the public?

**AS GERMAN FORCES CLOSE IN
ON PARIS, FRENCH MILITARY
LEADERS PREPARE FOR SIEGE**

Censorship Prevents Full Details As
To Events "At Front" Reaching
Anxious Public

**BANK OF PARIS TO
MOVE TO BORDEAUX.**

President Poincaré And Cabinet
Arrive At Coast-Germans
Bombard Malines

**GERMAN GENERAL STAFF
CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS**

Men In Charge Ready To Pay High Cost, No Mat-
ter How Appalling The Sacrifice Necessary--
Wonderful Army Machine.

3. These soldiers were from a French colony in North Africa. What do you think the relationship was like between France and her colonies in Africa?



4. This is a photo of the German trenches along the Aisne River. Looking at the photo, what do you think life was like in the trenches? Why? Why do you think soldiers dug trenches? Do the trenches tell you anything about how long the war will last?



5. Who do you think is represented in the cartoons above? Why? What do the cartoons suggest about the progression of the war?

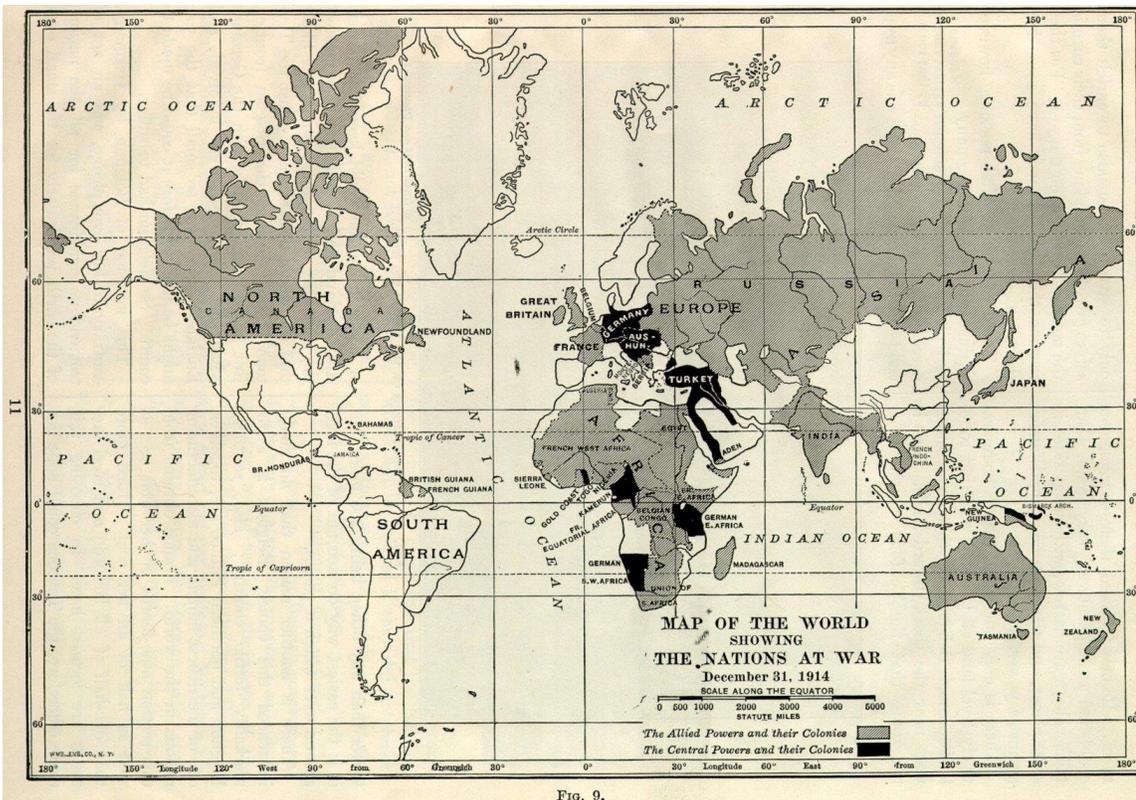


Fig. 9.

6. Examine this map from 1914. Does this map support or reject the idea of a world war? Why?

Why do you think Africa, Asia, and the Middle East became involved in WWI?