

The World at the beginning of the 20th Century

Britain	Austria-Hungary	Serbia + Balkans
Germany	Russia	Japan
Italy	Turkey (Ottoman Empire)	USA
France		

Your task is to build up a profile on one of the following countries at the beginning of the 20th Century (1860-1914)

Presentation

- ♦ Oral 10-15 minutes – you can use overheads/film clips/powerpoint/pictures/maps – to help in your presentation
- ♦ 5 pieces of primary sources incorporated into the oral presentation (you can use more if you want). Say why it is useful in your understanding of your country – include pictures, documents, words from songs, cartoons etc.
- ♦ 2 page summary (this will be copied for your classmates)

In your presentation you will need to include the following information.

- ♦ **Political system** – leaders, political structure, power base/class base, challenges (eg. Socialism/anarchy)
- ♦ **Economic/Industrial strength** – industrial strength, urbanisation, technology, agriculture, imports/exports, transport.
- ♦ **Military Strength** – size strength of army/navy, new technology, and example's of use (eg Wars fought etc. what happened, did they win?)
- ♦ **Overseas empire** – size of empire (if they have one), colonial interests/ rivalries, benefits, treatment of native peoples.
- ♦ **Internal problems** – political reforms – decline of dynastic authority – from whom/success (you might have covered this in political system section), social reforms, oppressed minorities (could be another ethnic group within country) – how were they treated.
- ♦ **Cultural Identity** – nationalism/patriotism – examples
- ♦ **Foreign Policy** – relations with foreign countries (diplomacy) – alliances/wars/enemies – who and why?
- ♦ **Summary** – what changes have taken place over the last 50 years for your country? What challenges does it face in the immediate future?

Research time - tba