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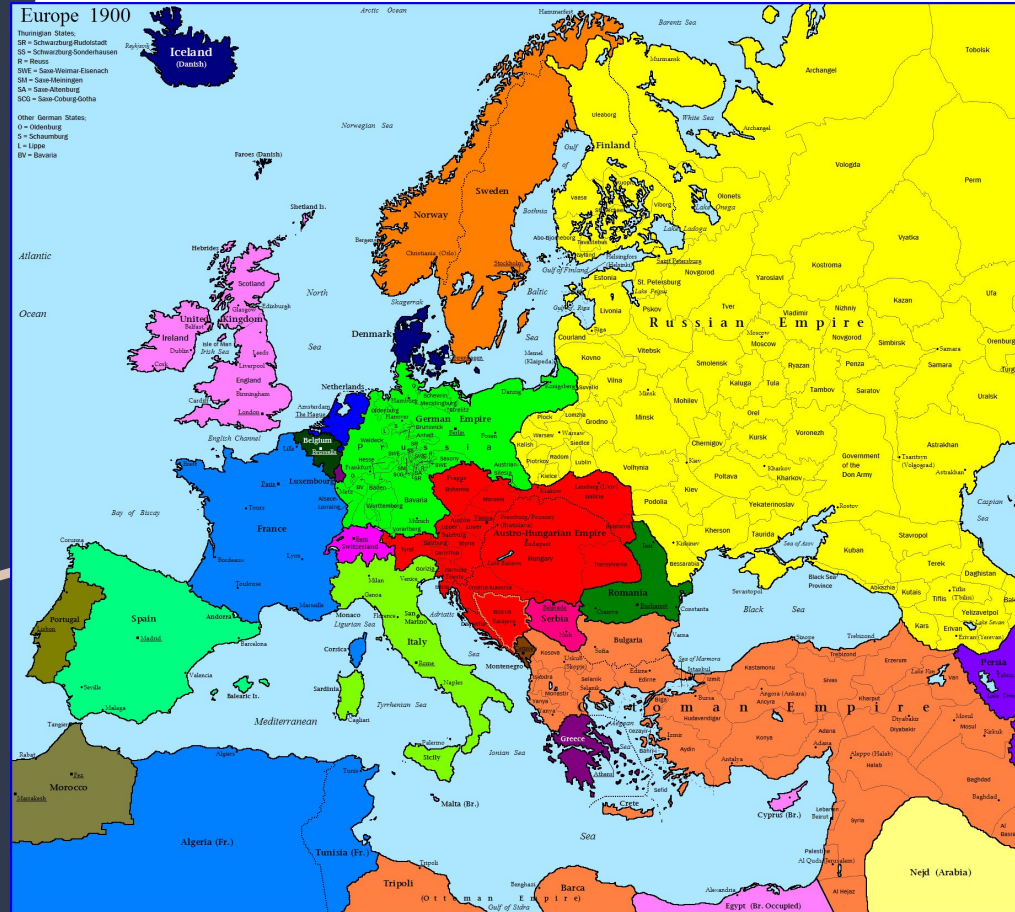
1900-1919

Europe c. 1900

Europe today is home to more than 45 countries but a little bit more than a century ago it was 19 countries.

The Balkan States (South Eastern Europe) we mostly still under control by the decrypt Ottoman Empire

Central Europe was dominated by the Austro-Hungarian Empire

Eastern Europe (The Baltics, Ukraine, etc.) was under control from Imperial Russia

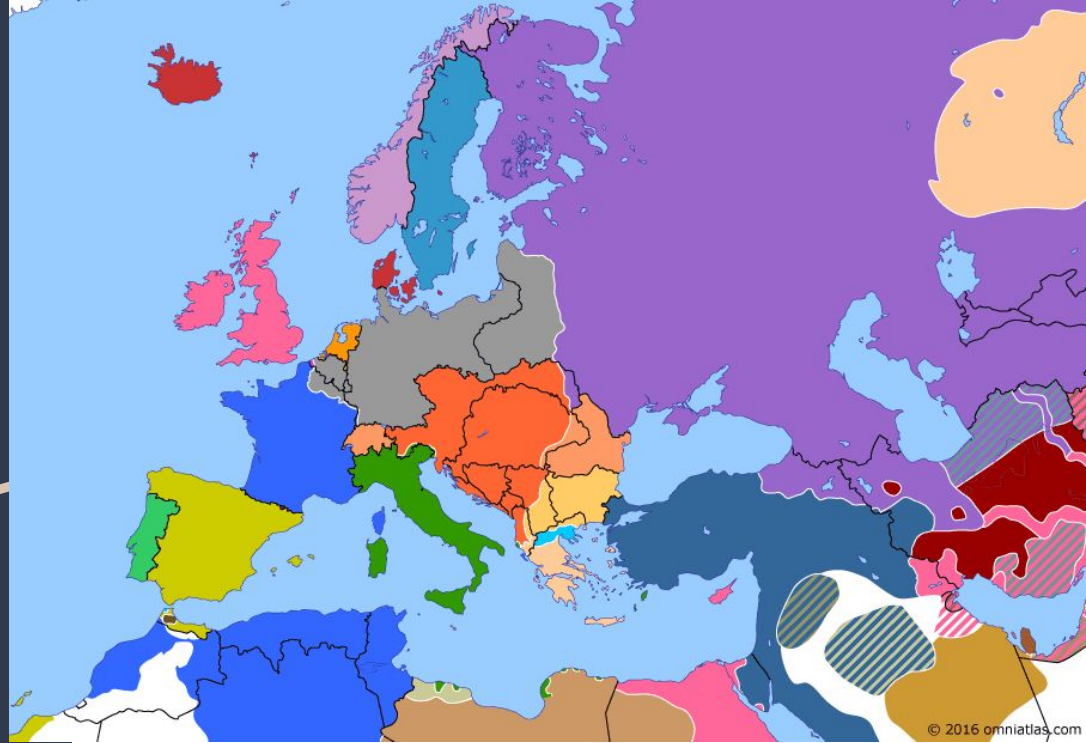Poland was divided between three different empires

Europe c.1916

Europe halfway through the First World War had changed much during 16 years.

The Balkan States had all gained independence from the Ottomans, but were now being conquered by Bulgaria and Austria-Hungary

Russia was being pushed out of the Baltics and Poland by the German Empire

Sweden and Norway spilt

The Ottoman Empire was almost completely knocked out of Europe and was knocked out of the Caucasus and Africa

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Europe c.1919

Europe one year after the First World had drastically changed since both 1916 and 1900.

Four Empires ceased to exist and with it countries emerged out of it.
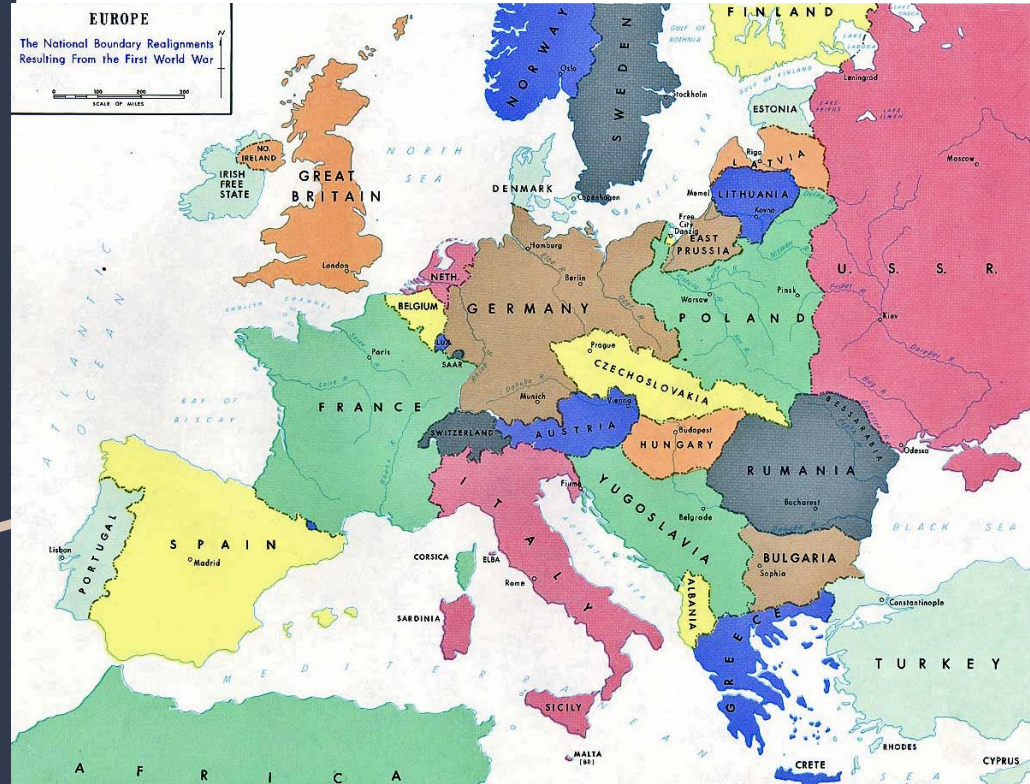
Poland became an independent nation for the first time since 1795

The Small Balkan States united into Yugoslavia

Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Austria gained independence.

Finland and the Baltics gained independence.

The Borders mainly followed ethnicities which made most nations peaceful

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