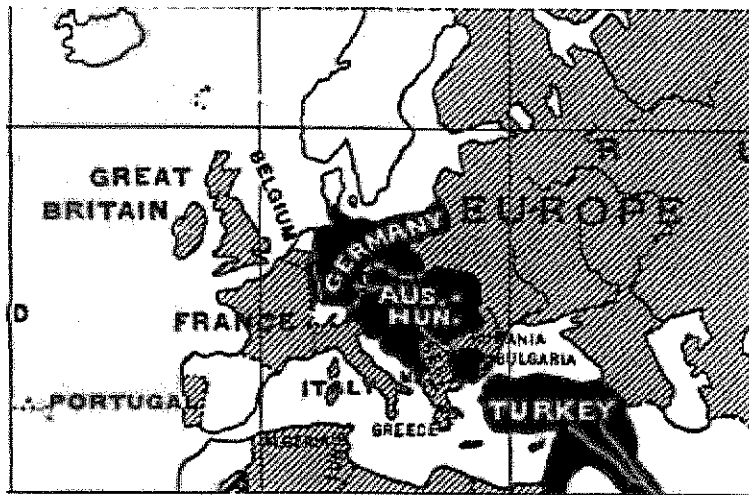


# LESSON 1: AMERICAN NEUTRALITY AND THE GREAT WAR

## Student Handout 1



August 1914: War has just broken out in Europe involving two great alliances: the Allies (Britain, France, and Russia) on one side, and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey) on the other. Millions of soldiers are involved, both on land and at sea. It isn't clear which side has the strongest armies, but it is clear that Britain has the strongest navy. The United States isn't involved in the war, but since the war is affecting international trade, that may change. At this point, the U.S. is neither allied with nor committed to any countries involved in the war. Before anything happens in the war, you, as President Wilson, need to establish what the goals of the United States are. List three goals for the U.S. to keep in mind as the war progresses.

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- 2.
- 3.