The Congress of Vienna 1814/15 dealt with the fall of Boney and the sharing out of EUR between the winners of the Nap wars. The main effect of the Congress was the humiliation of Fr and the recognition of « Germany » i.e. The Prussians were part of a very complex system of German states, principalities, dukedoms and kingdoms. They were in no way united.

The help they gave to England was instrumental in the defeat of NB and gave them a seat at the table of the PLUM PUDDING.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

The more than 33 regions in « German states » were further divided into hundreds of small areas. No unity of currency, of trade, of politics or of military force.

The first thing they did was to encourage trade with the creation of the German Customs Union = the Zollverein. 1819 to C.1870
This ECONOMIC UNITY will lead to POLITICAL UNITY IN 1870 AND THE UNIFICATION OF GERMANY

GERMANY’s POLITICAL UNITY THREATENS THE ECONOMIC STABILITY AND WORLD POWER STATUS OF BOTH FRANCE AND GB

FRANCE DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY
FRANCO PRUSSIAN WAR 1870
FRANCE LOSES
FRENCH HUMILIATION (AGAIN)
ALSACE MOSELLE IS LOST TO GERMANY
THE FRENCH EMPEROR NAPOLEON III IS CAPTURED ALIVE AT SEDAN /
HUMILIATION AND LONG LASTING HATRED TOWARDS GERMANY

GERMANY NOW HAS (a seat at the PLUM PUDDING)

THE GERMAN EMPEROR WILLHELM II DECLARES :
“OUR FUTURE LIES UPON THE OCEANS”
Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany: Speech to the North German Regatta Association, 1901

In spite of the fact that we have no such fleet as we should have, we have conquered for ourselves a place in the sun. It will now be my task to see to it that this place in the sun shall remain our undisputed possession, in order that the sun’s rays may fall fruitfully upon our activity and trade in foreign parts, that our industry and agriculture may develop within the state and our sailing sports upon the water, for our future lies upon the water.

THIS IS A DECLARATION OF INTENT: GERMANY DECLARES SHE WANTS OVERSEAS COLONIES

THE BRITISH AND THE FRENCH ARE
APPALLED AT THIS STATEMENT
THEY START TO PREPARE FOR WAR
THE ARMS RACE
n 1906, HMS Dreadnought was launched. Described as a deadly fighting machine, it transformed the whole idea of warfare and sparked a dangerous arms race.
GB AND FR CREATE THE "ENTENTE CORDIALE" in 1904

THEY HAVE A COMMON ENEMY AND EVEN IF THEY DO NOT TRUST / LIKE EACH OTHER : "the enemy of my enemy is my friend"

THE TRIPLE ENTENTE
IN 1907 RUSSIA JOINS FR AND GB IN THE TRIPLE ENTENTE as RUSSIA fears that TURKEY ‘the Sick man of Europe’ will collapse and this could threaten Russia’s maritime freedom of movement in the Bosphorus.

WORLD WAR WAR BEGINS IN 1914 AND ENDS IN 1918

AFTER THIS LESSON YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

EXPLAIN and DEFINE THE FOLLOWING:
THE CONGRESS OF VIENNA
ZOLLVEREIN 1819
FRANCO PRUSSIAN WAR 1870
GERMAN UNIFICATION 1870/71
ENTENTE CORDIALE 1904
TRIPLE ENTENTE 1907
WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE TRIPLE ENTENTE?
WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE?
WHO WAS THE SICK MAN OF EUROPE?
GIVE THE REAL REASONS WHY GB FRANCE RUSSIA AND AUSTRO HUNGARY WENT TO WAR
GIVE THE DATES OF WW1
WRITE A PARAGRAPH TO EXPLAIN THE MOTIVATIONS OF EACH PROTAGONIST

BRIEF PRESENTATIONS
WW 2 THE SEEDS OF WAR
MOTIVATIONS AND LONG TERM PLANS OF THE BELLIGERENTS

GERMANY

1. Economically devastated by the effects of the Treaty of Versailles, Germany has to repay vast sums of money which she can not afford. (THE DIKTAT)
2. Both Britain and France borrowed enormous sums of money from the USA (America) and now they have to pay that back, they turn to Germany, the loser, to pay for all their costs, expenses and reparations. (WAR REPARATIONS)
3. Social and living conditions in Germany are untenable, there is huge unemployment, food and clothes and petrol are rationed, there is not enough for everybody. (POVERTY)
4. There is huge disappointment and disillusion and a feeling of great shame that Germany's leaders were incapable of protecting the country. (SHAME)
5. The population feels betrayed by their government, by their leaders and by the wealthy middle-class. (BETRAYAL)
6. Germany is humiliated among nations. (HUMILIATION)
7. Popular discontent and anger is captured by the Communists. (THREAT OF COMMUNISM)
8. Subsequently the middle class feel threatened that they will lose all their property.
9. Socially and politically divided, the Germans look to those people ready to stand up and give back to Germany her honour, her way of life and her importance among the nations. (A NEW DEAL FOR GERMANY)
10. This challenge is taken up by Adolf Hitler. (THE FUHRER / the guide or LEADER)
11. During the 1930's, after THE WALL STREET CRASH (the financial ruin of the world's economy that gave rise to the American NEW DEAL, an economic recovery plan) the central banks printed huge sums of money. This reasoning comes from the ideas of economists like John Maynard Kaynes in the 1930's, Paul Krugman and Athanasios Orphanides in 1990 (Japanese financial crisis)

This non-conventional monetary policy is today called QE or Quantitative Easing.
12. AH immediately broke with the Treaty of Versailles, he ordered the construction of submarines, the building of a strong air-force, the re-occupation of the RUHR valley, the building of very powerful artillery guns, the construction of huge battleships etc etc ; all of these things were forbidden by the treaty of V. (HITLER BREAKS THE TOV)
13. The German people loved him for this, he gave them : work, food, hope, pride and forged a new German SPIRIT. (A NEW GERMANY)
14. To do this he required also a SCAPEGOAT, he blamed the JEWS for all the
social, economic and political ills that Germany suffered from.

15. He depicted a thousand year empire, based on former German greatness (BARBEROSSA) The THIRD REICH IS BORN

16. Legally elected, adored by the people, feared or admired by the International community, destroyer of the DIKTAT, he promised to unite all Germans and punish all those who stood in their way.

17. He clarified his vision in his book MEIN KAMPF, he recruited his BROWN SHIRTS (The S.A.) to enforce his ideas and he clearly targeted the Jews (UNTERMENSCHEN) for extermination and identified RUSSIA and the SLAV countries as the LIVING ROOM (LEBENSRAUM) Germany would need to expand into her empire.