

# EMPIRES



# What is an Empire?

An empire is defined as

# EMPIRES

What constitutes (makes up) an Empire?

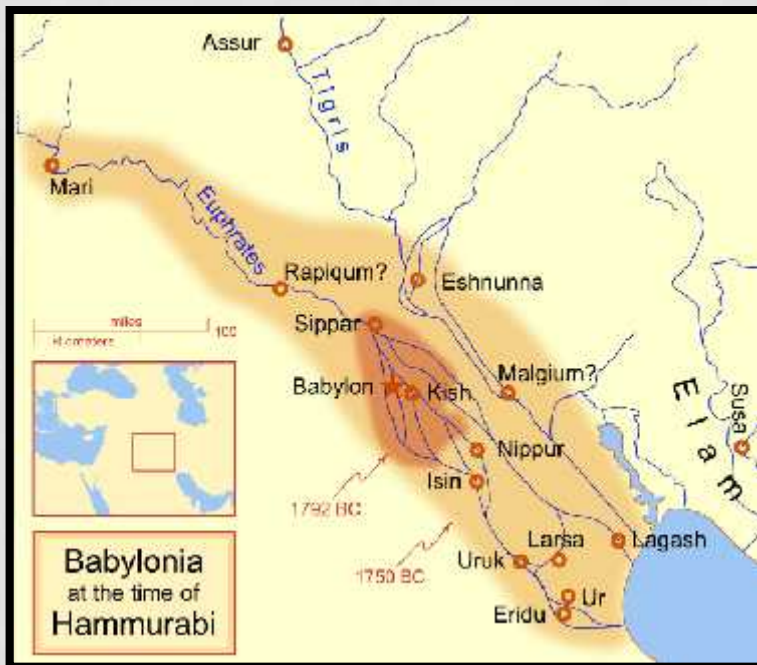
Political	Social	Economic	Geography

# FAMOUS EMPIRES

## Babylonian Empire



*“An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth” --- Code of Hammurabi*



**Location**

Mesopotamia  
Near East/Asia

**Dates**

1900-1600BCE

**Contributions**

Code of Hammurabi  
Art  
Architecture – Ziggurat  
Hanging Gardens of Babylon

**Notable Rulers**

Hammurabi

**Main Capital**

Babylon

# Ishtar Gate





# FAMOUS EMPIRES

## Persian Empire



“The best memory is that which forgets nothing, but injuries. Write kindness in marble and write injuries in the dust.” – Persian Anon



<b>Location</b>	Iran/Mesopotamia Near East/Asia
<b>Dates</b>	550-330BCE
<b>Contributions</b>	Medicine, Astronomy
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	Cyrus the Great Darius III
<b>Main Capital</b>	Persepolis

# Persepolis





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## Macedonian Empire

<b>Location</b>	Greece Near East/Asia
<b>Dates</b>	334BCE-323BCE
<b>Contributions</b>	Warfare Strategies, Spread of Greek Culture
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	Alexander the Great
<b>Main Capital</b>	Babylon



**“I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well.” – Alexander the Great**







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## Qin Dynasty



<b>Location</b>	China
<b>Dates</b>	221BCE-206BCE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standardized Weights &amp; Measures</li><li>• Unified China</li><li>• Great Wall</li><li>• Great Canal</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	Qin Shi Huangdi
<b>Main Capital</b>	Xianyang



The reason why China suffers bitterly from endless wars is because of the existence of feudal lords and kings.

– Qin Shi Juangdi





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## Han Dynasty



Location	China
Dates	206BCE-220CE
Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traded with Roman Empire &amp; others</li><li>• Silk Road Trade</li><li>• Promoted Legalism over Confucianism</li></ul>
Notable Rulers	Han Wudi
Main Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chang'an</li><li>• Luoyang</li><li>• Xuchang</li></ul>

“...Placing too much value on minor advantages will impede major advantages. -Han Fei Tzu





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## Roman Empire



<b>Location</b>	Italy Mediterranean Region
<b>Dates</b>	25-7BCE-476CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extensive Trade</li><li>• Extensive Building (Aqueducts, Coliseum, Arch)</li><li>• Large Army/Navy</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Augustus (Octavian)</li><li>• Hadrian</li><li>• Trajan</li><li>• Nero</li><li>• Marcus Aurelius</li><li>• Diocletian</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	• Rome



“Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking” – Marcus Aurelius





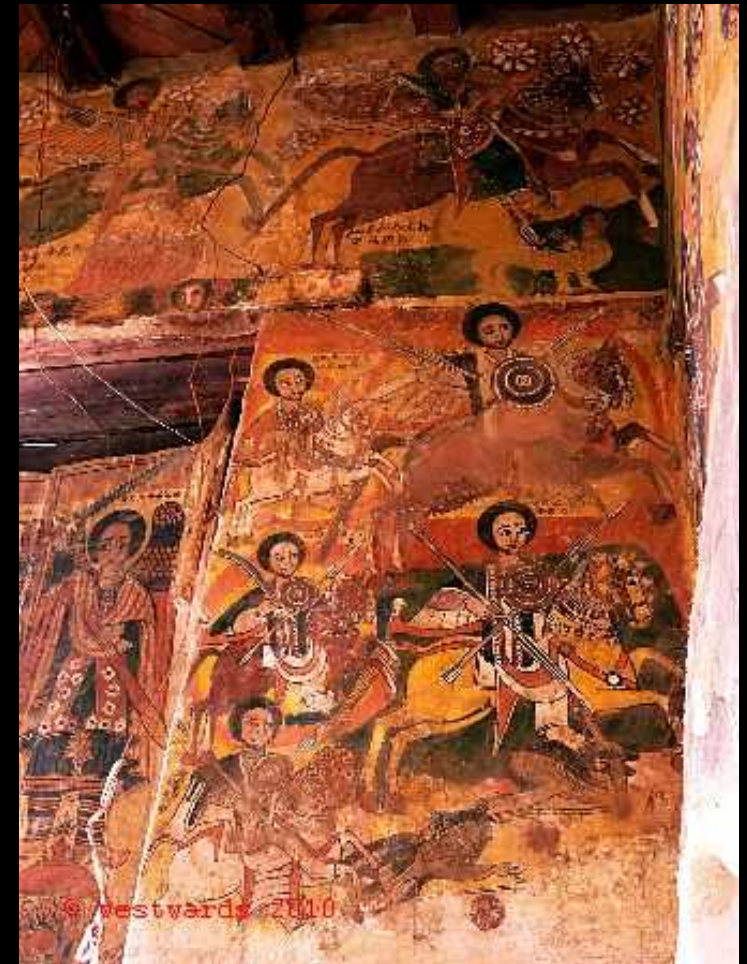
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## Aksumite Empires



<b>Location</b>	Eastern Africa Ethiopia
<b>Dates</b>	150-940CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extensive Trade to Asia</li><li>• Converted to Christianity</li><li>• Possible Location of the Ark of the Covenant</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• King Ezana II</li><li>• Menelik</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aksum</li></ul>





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## Mayan Empire



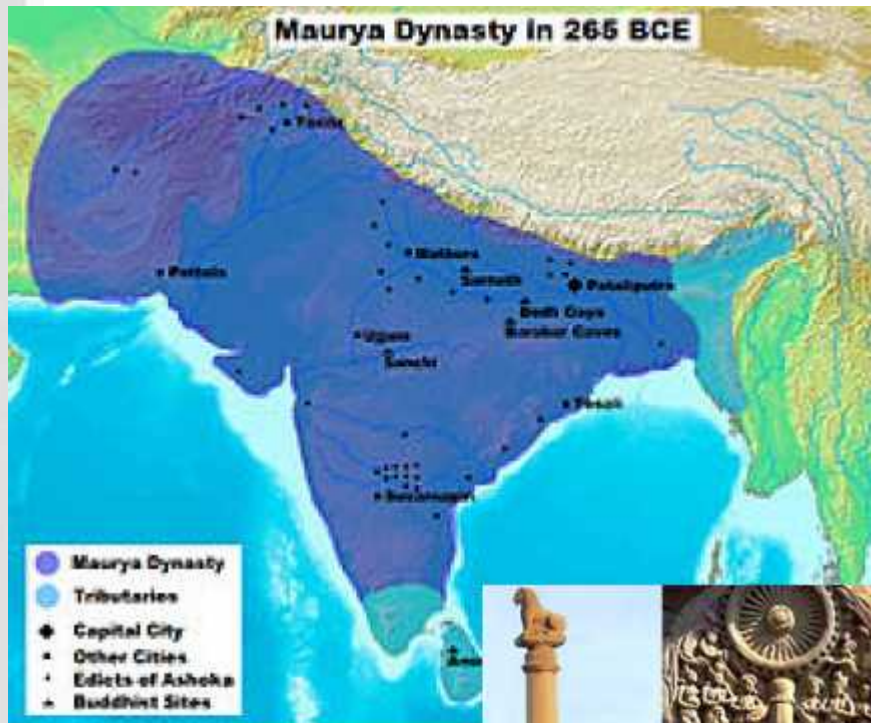
<b>Location</b>	Central America Yucatan Peninsula
<b>Dates</b>	250CE-1540CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extensive Trade</li><li>• Extensive Building (Temples, Ball Courts)</li><li>• Astronomy, Math, Calendar, Counting System</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Many rulers from various city-states</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tikal &amp; Chichen Itza</li></ul>





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## Mauyra Empire



**Location**

Pakistan, India,  
Bangladesh

**Dates**

322 to 185 BCE

**Contributions**

- Change from Hinduism to Buddhism
- Buddhist Architecture

**Notable Rulers**

- Ashoka the Great

**Main Capital**

- Pataliputra





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## Gupta Empire



<b>Location</b>	Pakistan, India, Bangladesh
<b>Dates</b>	320CE-550CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concept of Zero</li><li>• Chess</li><li>• Art &amp; Architecture</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chandra Gupta II</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pataliputra</li></ul>





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## Byzantine Empire



“Rather let the crime of the guilty go unpunished than condemn the innocent.” – Justinian I

Location	Eastern Mediterranean Greece & Turkey Asia Minor
Dates	330CE-1453CE
Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art &amp; Architecture</li><li>• Keepers of Greek &amp; Roman Culture</li><li>• Extensive Trade</li><li>• Justinian Code</li></ul>
Notable Rulers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constantine the Great</li><li>• Justinian I</li></ul>
Main Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constantinople</li></ul>

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## Tang Dynasty

Location

China

Dates

618CE-907CE

Contributions

- Silk Road Trade
- Sea Trade
- India/Africa
- Woodblock Printing
- Gun powder
- Art & Architecture
- Civil Exams

Notable Rulers

- Li Yuan (Founder)

Main Capital

Chang'an







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## Islamic Empires



<b>Location</b>	<b>Middle East / Asia</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>632CE-1517CE</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math</li><li>• Science/Medicine</li><li>• Architecture</li><li>• Trade</li><li>• Spread of Islam</li><li>• Dome of the Rock</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Various Rulers in the Caliphates (States)</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	<b>Various Cities</b>









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## Ghana Empires

<b>Location</b>	Western Africa
<b>Dates</b>	790CE-1240CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gold, Ivory, Salt Trade Across Saharan Desert</li> </ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monarchy – Various Rulers</li> </ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	Koumbi





Female figure on a pedestal

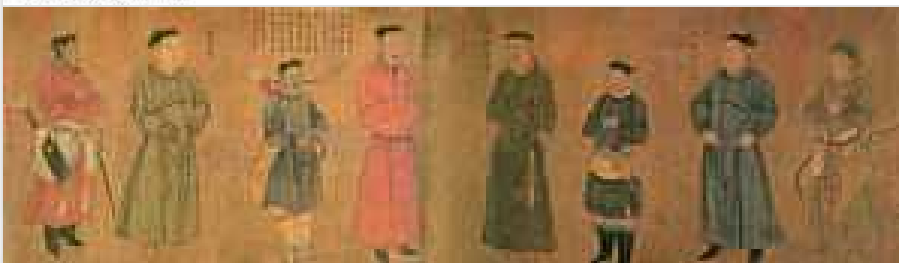


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## Song Dynasty



Song Dynasty, China

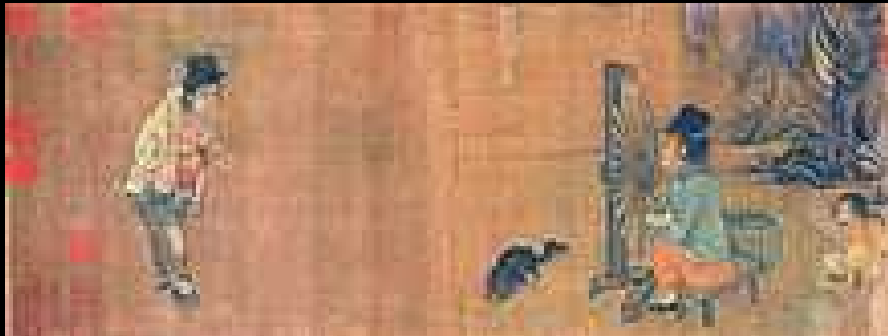


<b>Location</b>	China
<b>Dates</b>	960CE-1279CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Service Exams</li> <li>• Forensic Science</li> <li>• Poetry &amp; Calligraphy</li> <li>• Gunpowder Warfare</li> <li>• Joint-Stock Companies</li> <li>• State monopolies</li> <li>• Trade</li> <li>• Movable Type Printing</li> <li>• Engineering</li> </ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taizu</li> </ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	Bianjing





經伏波  
神祠  
蒙管皇  
下有路上壺  
頭漢壘  
磨題開  
壘溪霧



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## Holy Roman Empire

**Location** Central Europe  
France/Germany/Italy

**Dates** 800CE-1806CE

**Contributions**

- Military tactics
- Writing
- Christianity / Theocracy

**Notable Rulers**

- Charlemagne (Charles I)
- Otto 1 (962)

**Main Capital** None

“To have another language is to possess a second soul.” - Charlemagne







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## Mongol Empire

**Location** Asia / Eastern Europe

**Dates** 1206CE-1368CE

**Contributions**

- Military tactics
- Religious Tolerance
- Mail System
- Silk Road Trade
- Law & Gov't

**Notable Rulers**

- Genghis Khan
- Kublai Khan

**Main Capital** Karakorum





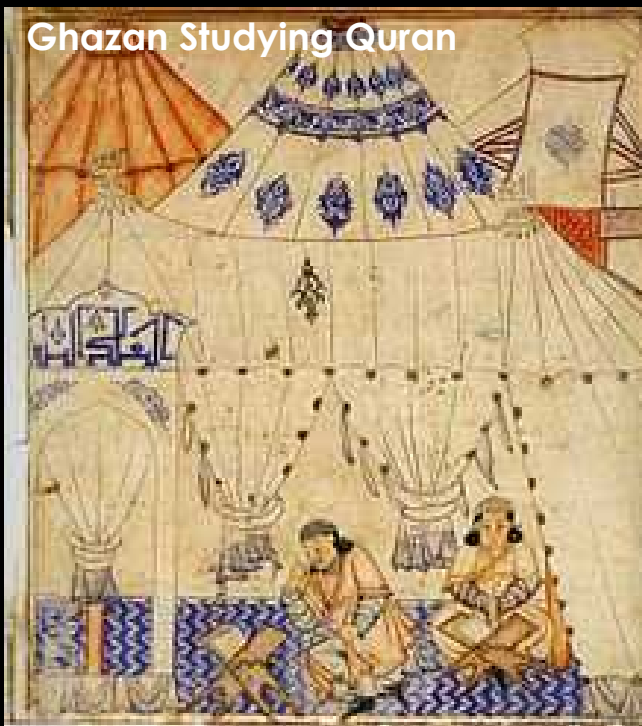
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Kublai Khan



Ghazan Studying Quran



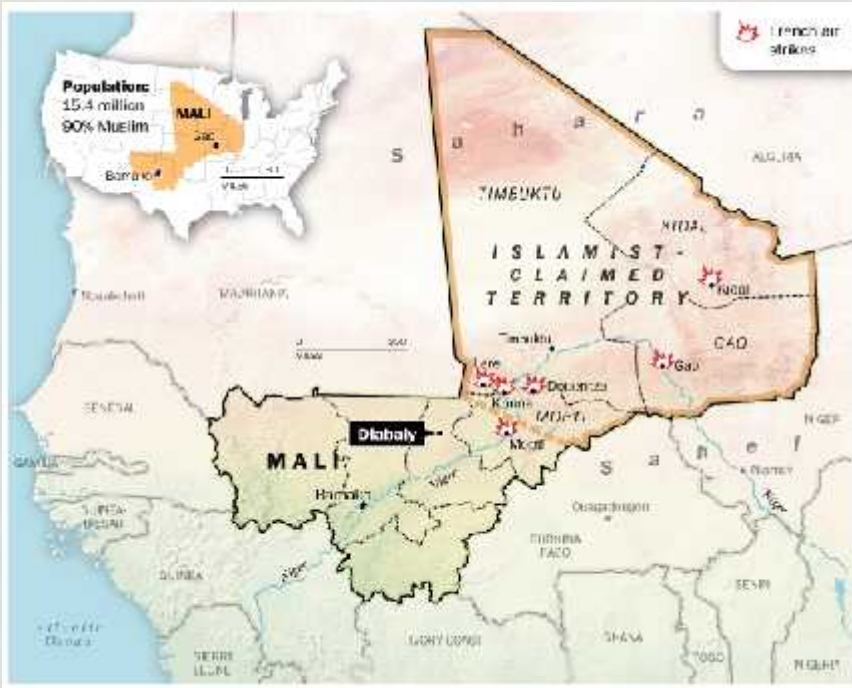
Kublai Khan Patronage of Marco Polo 1412



Dominican Massacre 1206

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## Mali Empire



<b>Location</b>	Western Africa
<b>Dates</b>	1235CE-1610CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sahara Salt/Gold Trade</li> <li>• Brought Islam to Western Africa</li> <li>• Middle East Cultural Diffusion</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mansa Musa</li> </ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timbuktu</li> </ul>

# Mansa Musa and the Mali Empire

Islam was associated with elite culture and wealth... compared to traditional African religion



Why was trade so important?  
Trade = Tax = Wealth  
Musa had a policy of spreading Islam and Ideas through trade  
Exchange of new ideas lead to innovation  
Efficient in utilizing surplus to gain benefits

Who was Mansa Musa?  
Ruler of Mali: came into power in 1312 AD  
Devout Muslim

What change did he seek as ruler?  
Develop trade and commerce  
Make Mali strong and wealthy

Mali reached its apex in territory under Musa's rule

## MANSA MUSU



Mali's capital was visited by North African and Egyptian scholars

New Ideas:  
Musa brought Arabic scholars back to Mali  
Established a center of education:  
Timbuktu



Pilgrimage to Mecca  
goal: spread Islam  
fulfill Hajj, one of 5 pillars of Islam

What did he do on the way?  
Spent much gold (especially in Alexandria)  
Attracted much attention (Venice Merchants)  
Single handedly affected the price of gold

his trip was taken in 1324. Musa was accompanied by thousands of his men and horses

Mali ambassadors were established in Morocco, Egypt, and other countries

What did trade have to do with religion?

Musa's pilgrimate encouraged trade  
THEN trade encouraged an even greater spreading of Islam

Mali traded gold for the salt of the Northern Africans

The Berbers (N.African merchants) converted to Islam



Islam was first adopted in Africa by the Empire that preceded Mali, Ghana  
After Musa's pilgrimage, Islam spread  
The new wealth from trade allowed for the development of many mosques

Was he successful?  
Yes!  
Ibn Battuta, a respected Moroccan scholar, visited Mali after Musa's death and praised the empire for its complete safety and overall greatness  
Mali became one of the most successful and wealth empires of Africa  
Much wealth was from taxing gold salt trade

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## Ottoman Empire

<b>Location</b>	Asia Minor Asia/Europe
<b>Dates</b>	1299CE-1922CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Science &amp; Math</li><li>• Architecture</li><li>• Spread of Islam</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suleiman I The Magnificent</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Istanbul</li></ul>







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## Songhai Empire



<b>Location</b>	<b>Western Africa</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>1340CE-1591CE</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organized Gov't into Provinces</li><li>• Tax Collection</li><li>• Gold/Salt Trade</li><li>• Saharan Trade to Middle East</li><li>• Sharia law</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunni Ali</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	<b>Gao</b>



ATLANTIC OCEAN



Mediterranean Sea



Moroccan coin used to trade in Songhai

- Songhai Empire
- Settlement
- Trade route
- Trade goods

0 250 500 Miles  
0 250 500 Kilometers

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## Spanish Empire



<b>Location</b>	Spain New World The Americas
<b>Dates</b>	1402CE-1975CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discovery of Americas</li><li>• Reconquista</li><li>• Explorers</li><li>• Ceded Florida &amp; New Spain to US</li><li>• Mercantilism</li><li>• Inquisition</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ferdinand &amp; Isabella</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	Madrid





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## Portuguese Empire



<b>Location</b>	Europe / Africa South America Asia
<b>Dates</b>	1415CE-1999CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exploration</li><li>• Navigation School</li><li>• Slave Trade</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Around Cape of Good Hope (Africa)</li><li>• Overseas Spice Trade</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Henry the Navigator</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	Lisbon, Rio de Janeiro (1815-1821)





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## Aztec Empire



**Location**

Central America  
Mexico

**Dates**

1428CE-1521CE

**Contributions**

- Math
- Science
- Monumental Building
- Human Sacrifice
- Farming Techniques
- Warfare

**Notable Rulers**

- Motecuzoma II

**Main Capital**

- Tenochtitlan





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## Inca Empire



**Location**

**South America**

**Dates**

**1438CE-1533CE**

**Contributions**

- Terrace Farming
- Road Network
- Communication Network
- Trade Network
- Quipu

**Notable Rulers**

- Atahualpa

**Main Capital**

- Cuzco





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## Mughal Empire



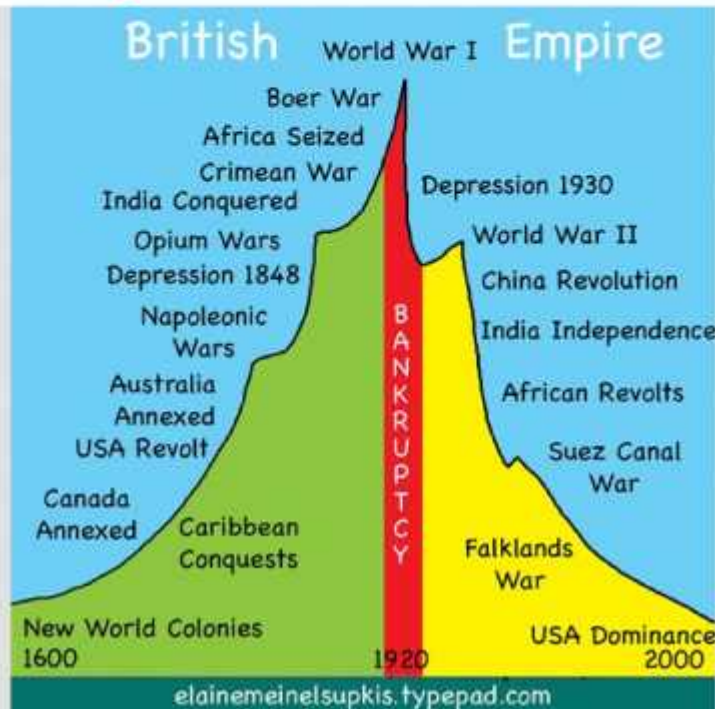
<b>Location</b>	India, Pakistan, Bangladesh Asia
<b>Dates</b>	1526CE-1858CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• centralized imperial government</li><li>• Persian art and culture with native art and culture</li><li>• new trade routes to Arab and Turkish lands</li><li>• Mughal architecture found its way into the local Indian architecture</li><li>• Landscape gardening</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Akbar the Great</li><li>• Shah Jahan</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	Agra & Delhi



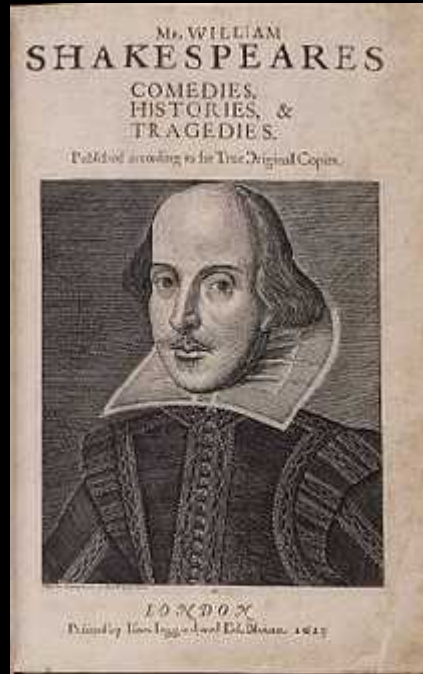


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## British Empire



<b>Location</b>	Western Africa Europe Caribbean North & South America Asia
<b>Dates</b>	1583CE-1997CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naval Power</li> <li>• Largest Empire in World “Sun Never Sets”</li> <li>• Lost Colonies in America to 2<sup>nd</sup> sons</li> <li>• Imperialism</li> <li>• Industrial Revolution</li> <li>• Anglican Church</li> </ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth I</li> <li>• George III</li> <li>• Victoria</li> <li>• Elizabeth II</li> </ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	• London





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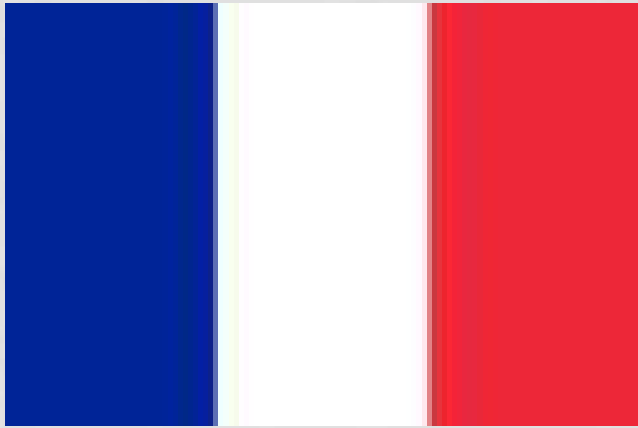
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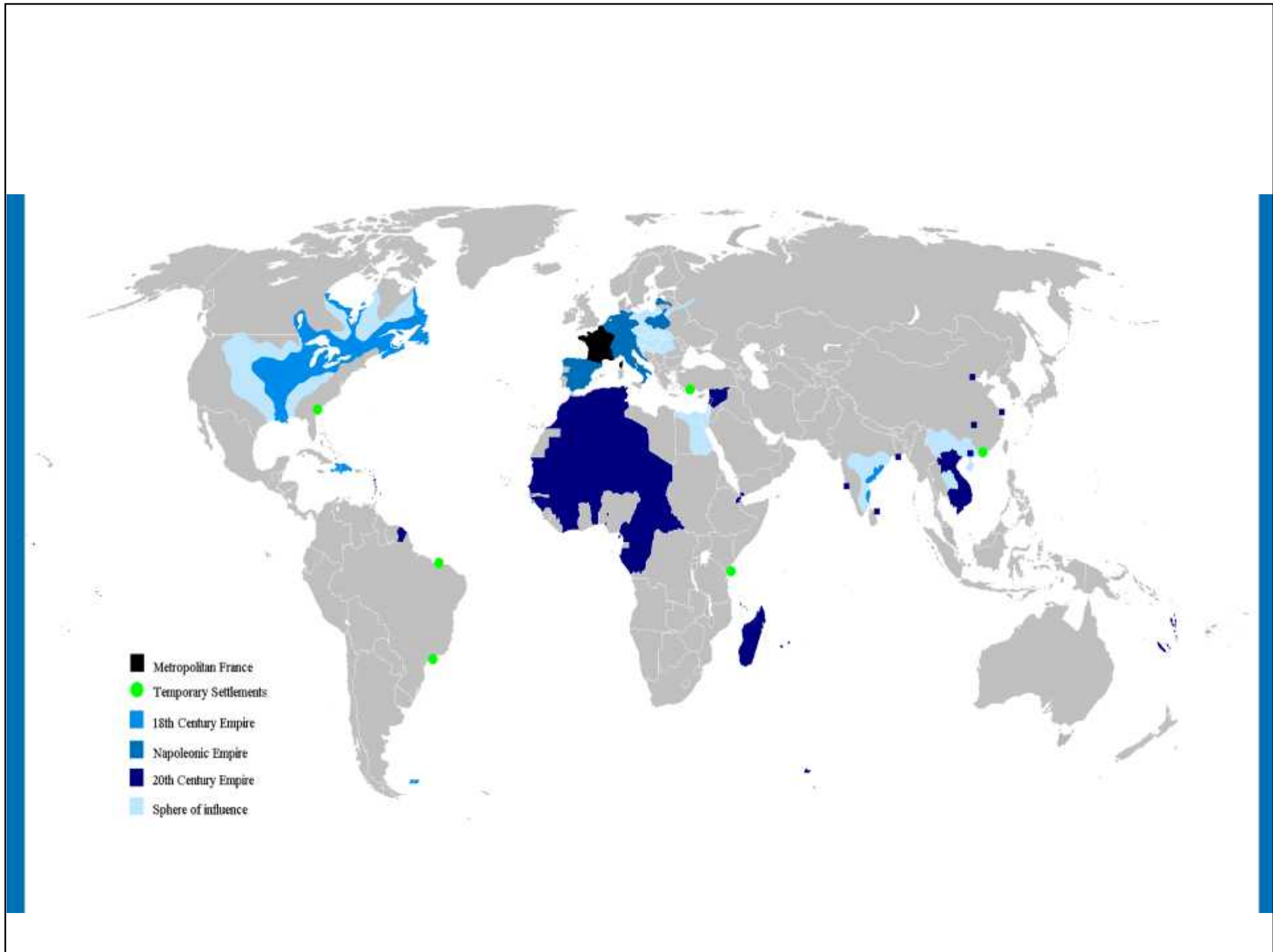


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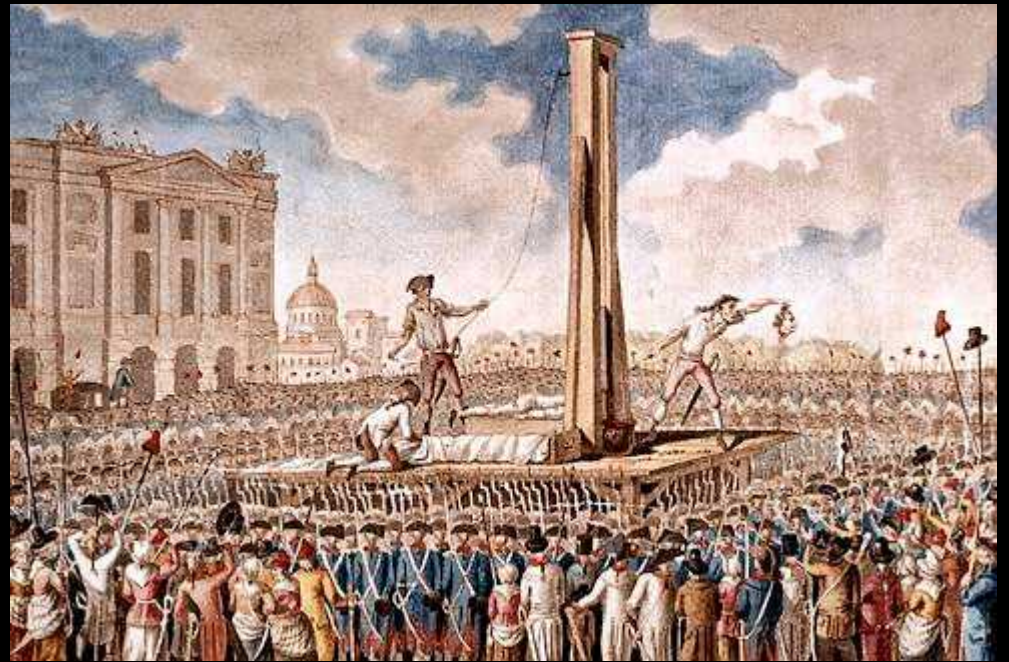
## French Colonial Empire



<b>Location</b>	Western Africa Europe Caribbean North & South America Asia
<b>Dates</b>	1534CE-1980CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Science</li><li>• Law</li><li>• Philosophy</li><li>• Mercantilism</li><li>• International Language of Diplomacy</li><li>• Ceded Louisiana Purchase to US</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Louis XIV</li><li>• Louis XVI</li><li>• Napoleon</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paris, France</li></ul>

































# FAMOUS EMPIRES

## Austro-Hungarian Empire



**Location**

Europe

**Dates**

1867CE-1918CE

**Contributions**

- World War I
- Assisination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand

**Notable Rulers**

- Francis Joseph I

**Main Capital**

Vienna (main capital) and Budapest



Franz Joseph I





Franz



**The New York Times.**

**HEIR TO AUSTRIA'S THRONE IS SLAIN WITH HIS WIFE BY A BOSNIAN YOUTH TO AVENGE SEIZURE OF HIS COUNTRY**

Francis Ferdinand Shot During State Visit to Sarajevo.

**TWO ATTACKS IN A DAY**

Archduke Saves His Life First Time by Kneeling Before a Bomb Hurled at Auto.

**SLAIN IN SECOND ATTEMPT**

**LAI'D TO A SERBIAN PLOT**

**OLD EMPEROR IS STRICKEN**

Archduke Francis Ferdinand and His Consort the Duchess of Hohenberg Slain by Assassin's Bullets.

At Sarajevo where the archduke stopped his motor, he was shot.

"Max Baugotinsky, it is reported here as a man and later half a hour before 10."

"The archduke's second attempt was made at 10:10 a.m. on the 28th of June, 1914."

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**CONSTITUTION**

THE STANDARD SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER

JULY 25, 1914. —FOURTEEN PAGES.

Daily and Evening, except Sundays, 12 cents weekly. Single copies on the streets and at newsstands, 2 cents.

**Austria's Ultimatum to Serbia Over Archduke's Assassination May Loosen War Dogs in Europe**

**MADAME CAILLAUX SNARED BY FORMER WIFE OF HUSBAND**

**HUBBY HAD A DRINK; THEN WIFE USED SCISSORS ON HIM**

Note of Great Severity About Slaying of Archduke and Wife Causes Extremely Grave Situation Which Threatens to Embroil Other Nations.

**BELIEVED THAT SERVIA CANNOT ACCEPT TERMS OFFERED BY AUSTRIA**

Mme. Gueydan, by Permitting Publication of Notorious Love Letters, Badly Injures Case of Defense.

Madame Caillaux, 421 Third Street, this morning attacked her husband, a street car conductor, with a pair of scissors, cutting him through the head. Not satisfied with the injury she had inflicted, she severed a finger, but when she returned to the scene her husband had fled.

Street says that his wife is extremely pale and when he returned home this morning after having taken a few drinks, she sat upon him.

The case was called by the reporter this morning, but continued until 10.

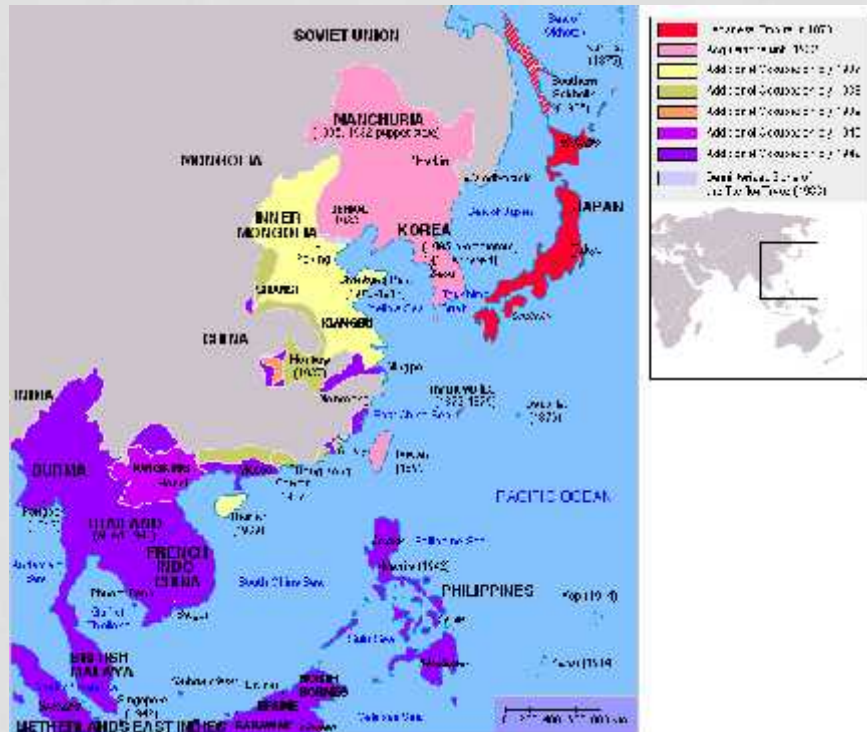


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## Empire of Japan

**Dai Nippon Teikoku**

**Great Japan Imperial Nation/State**



**Location**

Japan  
Asia  
Oceania

**Dates**

1868CE-1947CE

**Contributions**

- Naval Power
- Asian Sea Empire
- Kamikaze (Divine Wind)
- Tokogawa Shogunate
- Pearl Harbor Attack Dec 7, 1941
- World War II

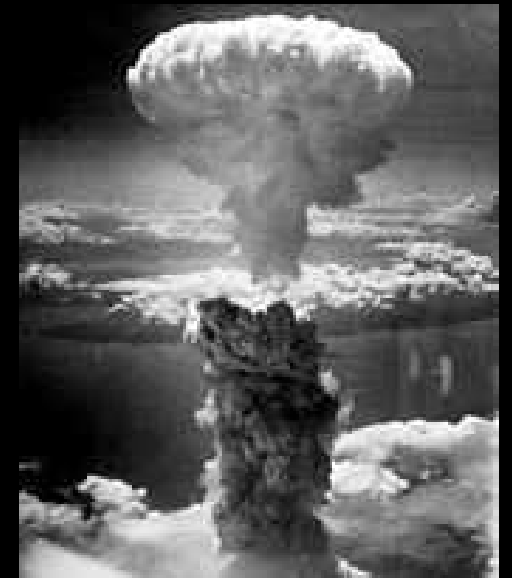
**Notable Rulers**

- Hirohito (Emperor) 1926–89
- Hideki Tojo (PM)

**Main Capital**

Tokyo







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## German Reich



Location

Germany  
Europe  
Africa

Dates

1871CE-1918CE

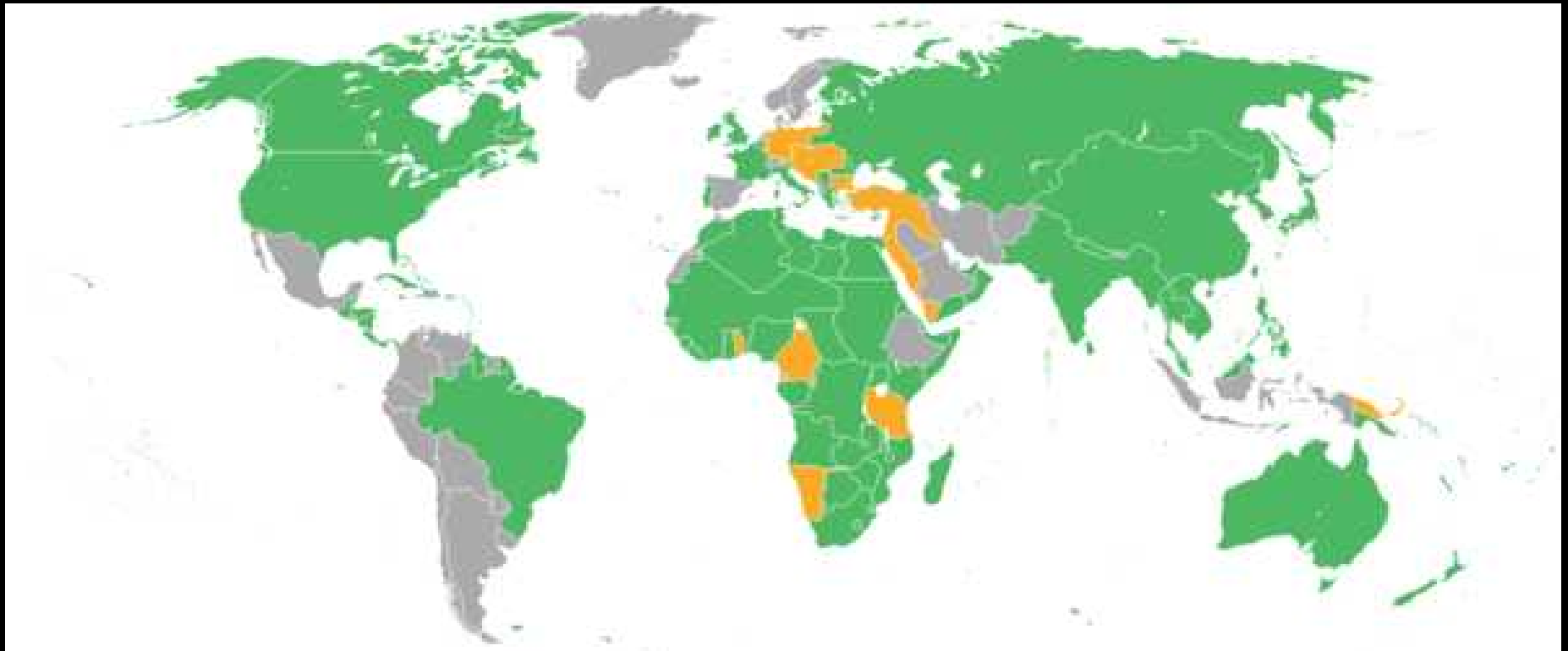
Contributions

- Unification of Germany
- World War I

Notable Rulers

- Emperors:
  - Wilhelm I - Founder
  - Wilhelm II - WW1
- Otto von Bismarck (Chancellor)

Main Capital



**Map of the World showing the participants in World War I. Those fighting on the Entente's side (at one point or another) are depicted in green, the Central Powers in orange, and neutral countries in grey.**



**Unification @ Versailles Hall of Mirrors**

**Otto von Bismarck**



**Berlin Conference 1884  
Scramble for Africa**



**Signing of Treaty of  
Versailles Ending WW1**

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## Soviet Empire



**Location**

Europe  
Asia

**Dates**

1922CE-1989CE

**Contributions**

- Communism in Practice
- End of Czarist Russia
- Russian Revolution
- “Peace for Bread”
- WW2 – Allies
- Cold War until 1991
- Spread of Communism
- Warsaw Pact
- Space Race

**Notable Rulers**

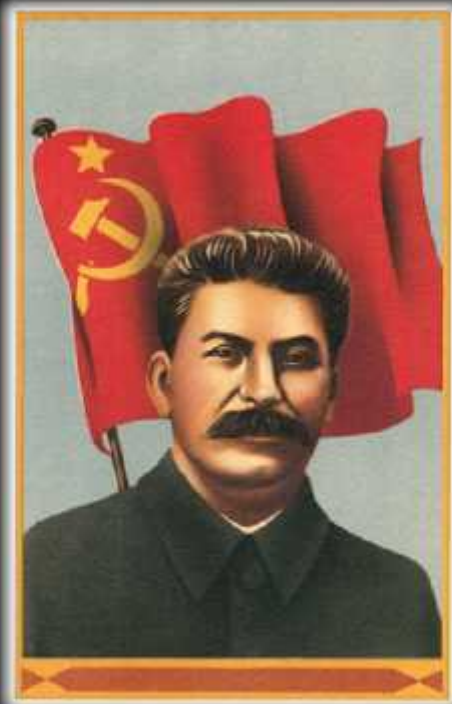
- Lenin (founder)
- Stalin (Dictator)
- Gorbachev (last)

**Main Capital**

- Moscow





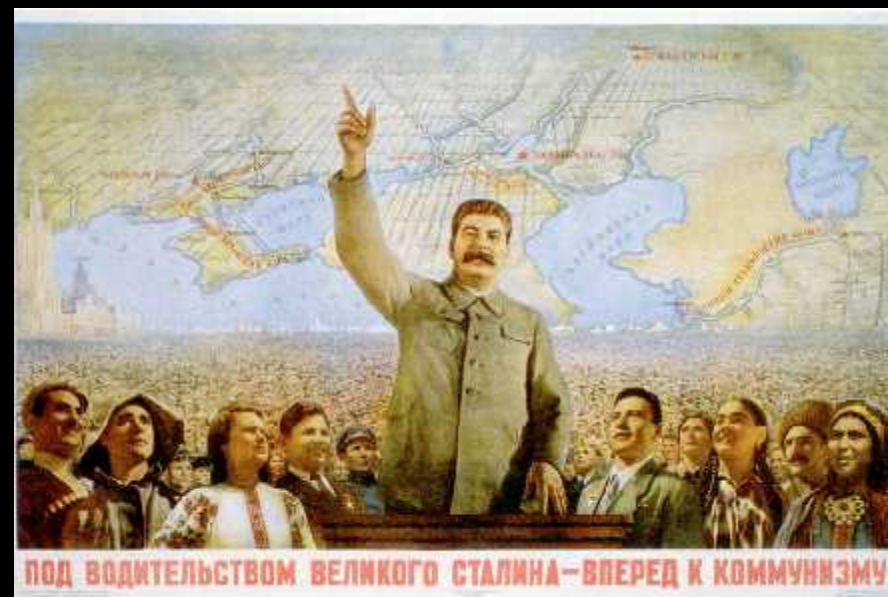


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# FAMOUS EMPIRES

## Greater German Reich (Third Reich)



<b>Location</b>	Europe Asia Minor Africa
<b>Dates</b>	1933CE-1945CE
<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fascism (Nazism)</li><li>• WWII</li><li>• V1 &amp; V2 Rocket</li><li>• Jet Engine</li><li>• Social Darwinism (in Practice)</li><li>• Holocaust (Genocide)</li><li>• Blitzkrieg</li></ul>
<b>Notable Rulers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adolf Hitler (der Führer)</li></ul>
<b>Main Capital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Berlin</li></ul>



Ein Volk, ein Reich, ein Führer!



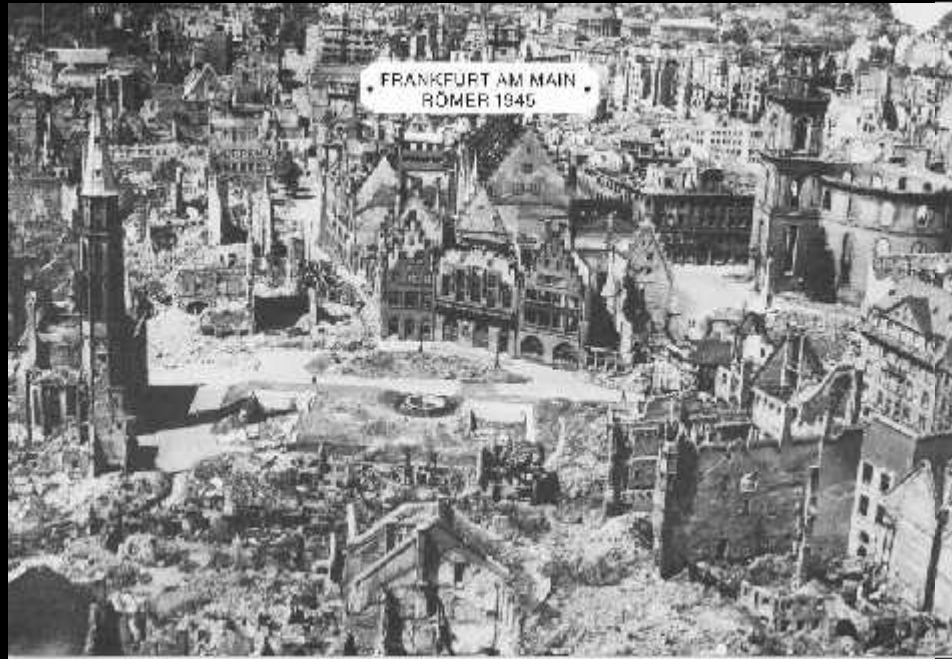
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