

# World War I

## ***Why did the Great War last so long and bring about so much change?***

### PREVIEW

Carefully watch the audio slideshow. Then on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow.

1. How did some propaganda posters encourage people to help the war effort?
2. How did some propaganda posters play on people's fears?
3. What is one example of how some propaganda posters used symbols?
4. Why did some propaganda posters evoke memories or feelings of the past?

### READING NOTES

#### **Key Content Terms**

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

alliance	inflation	propaganda
neutrality	rationing	mandate

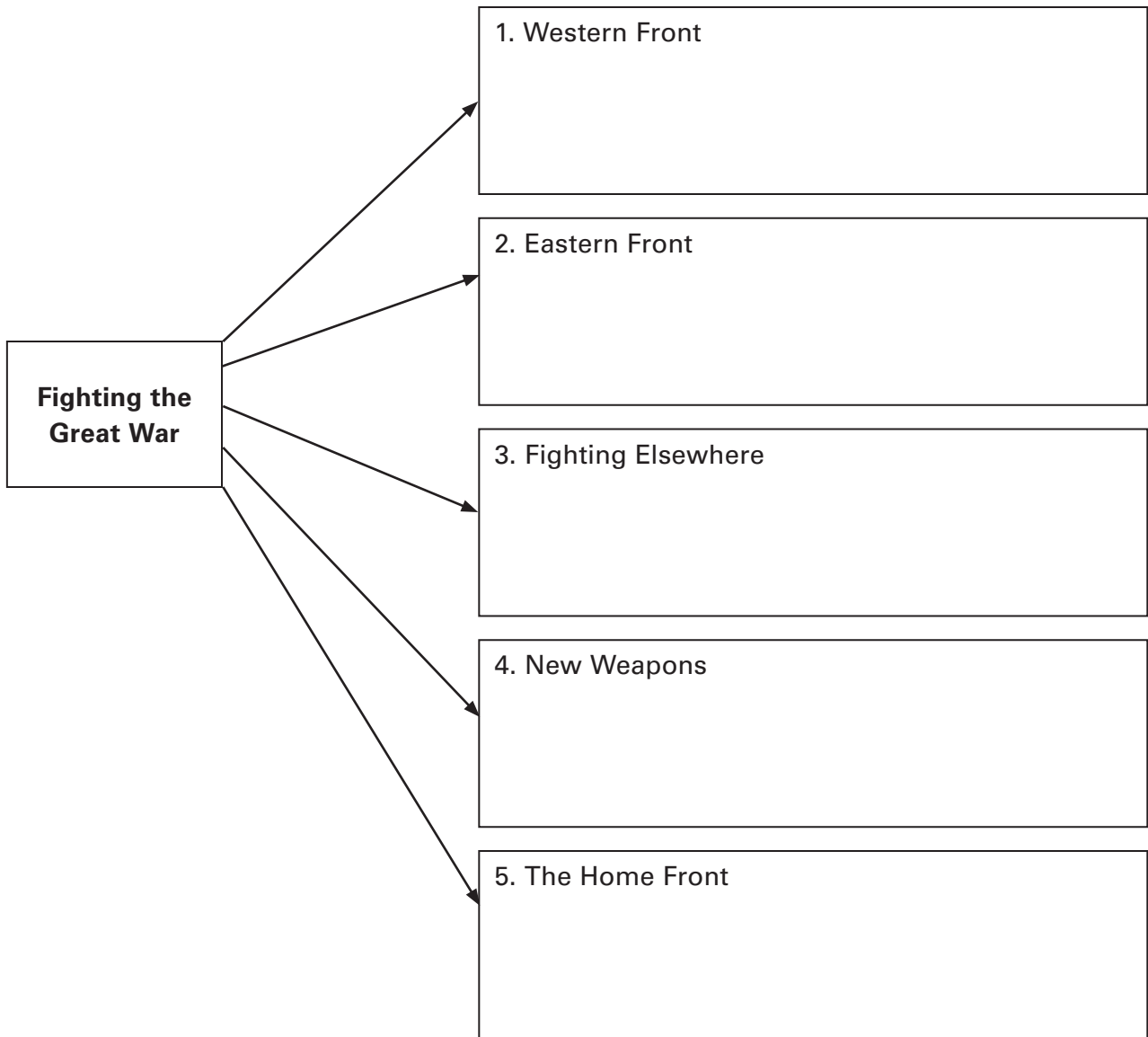
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#### **Section 2**

1. What kinds of rivalries did the Great Powers of Europe have in the 19th century?
2. What two rival alliances did the Great Powers form by 1907?
3. Why was there unrest in the Balkans?
4. How did the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand lead to war?

**Section 3**

Complete the diagram with details from the Student Text.

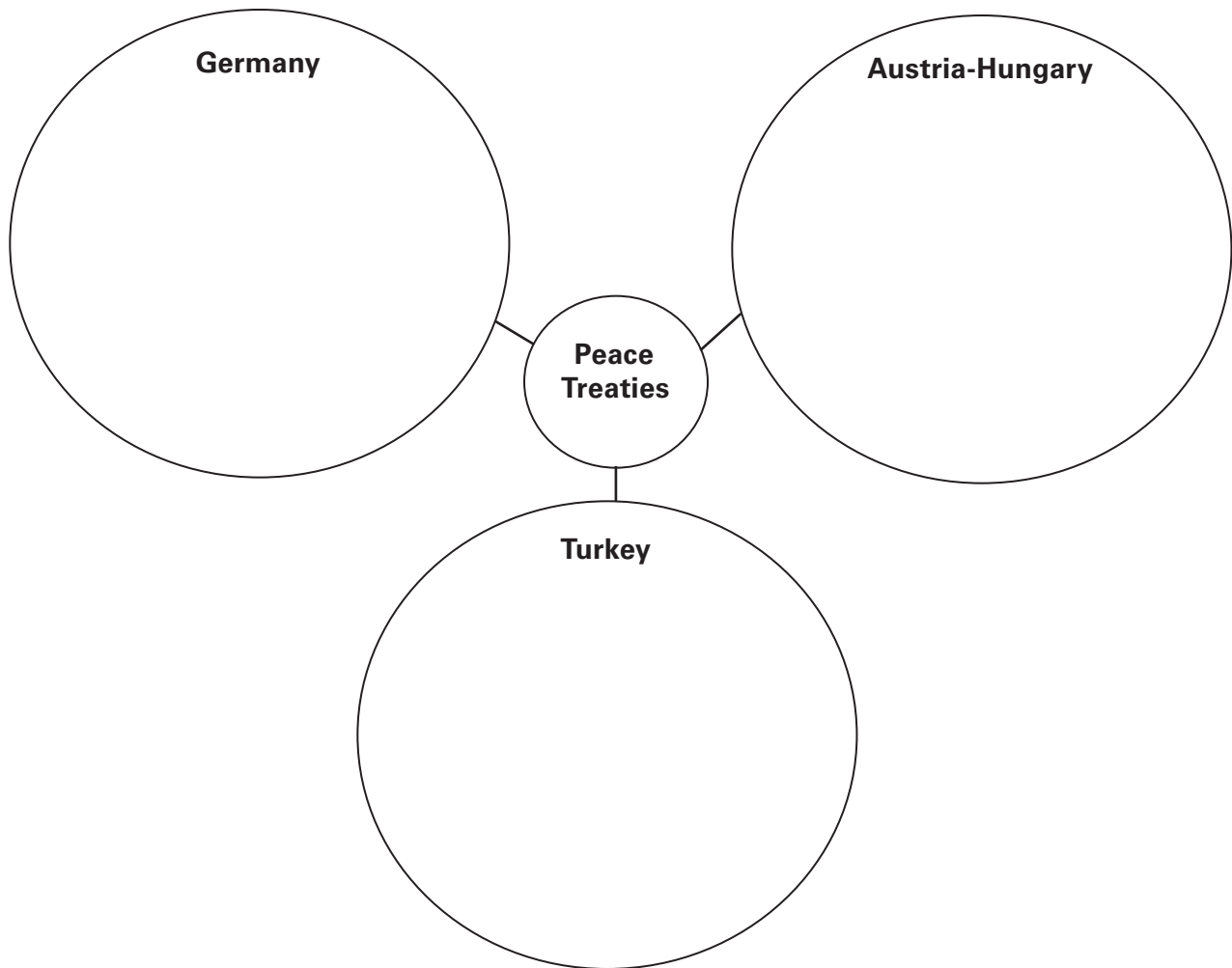


**Section 4**

1. What drew the United States into the war?
2. What were the Fourteen Points?
3. Why was the entry of the United States considered a turning point in the war?
4. Why did Germany finally decide to surrender?
5. What effects did the war have on the populations and the economies of European nations?

**Section 5**

What were the major terms of the peace treaties imposed on the Central Powers at the Paris Peace Conference? In each circle, write the terms of the treaty for that nation.



**PROCESSING**

Write a letter to your family or a friend from the trenches in Europe. Your letter should help the recipient understand the stress and trauma of life in the trenches.

Cut out the letter sheet from your Student Handout. Write the address of the recipient on the lines provided. You have the remainder of the front and back of the letter sheet to write your letter.

Use your notes from the experiential exercise to help you write your letter. Be sure to describe all of the following:

- The fear and anticipation you felt.
- Your living conditions and daily life.
- Your morale and what you did to keep your spirits up.