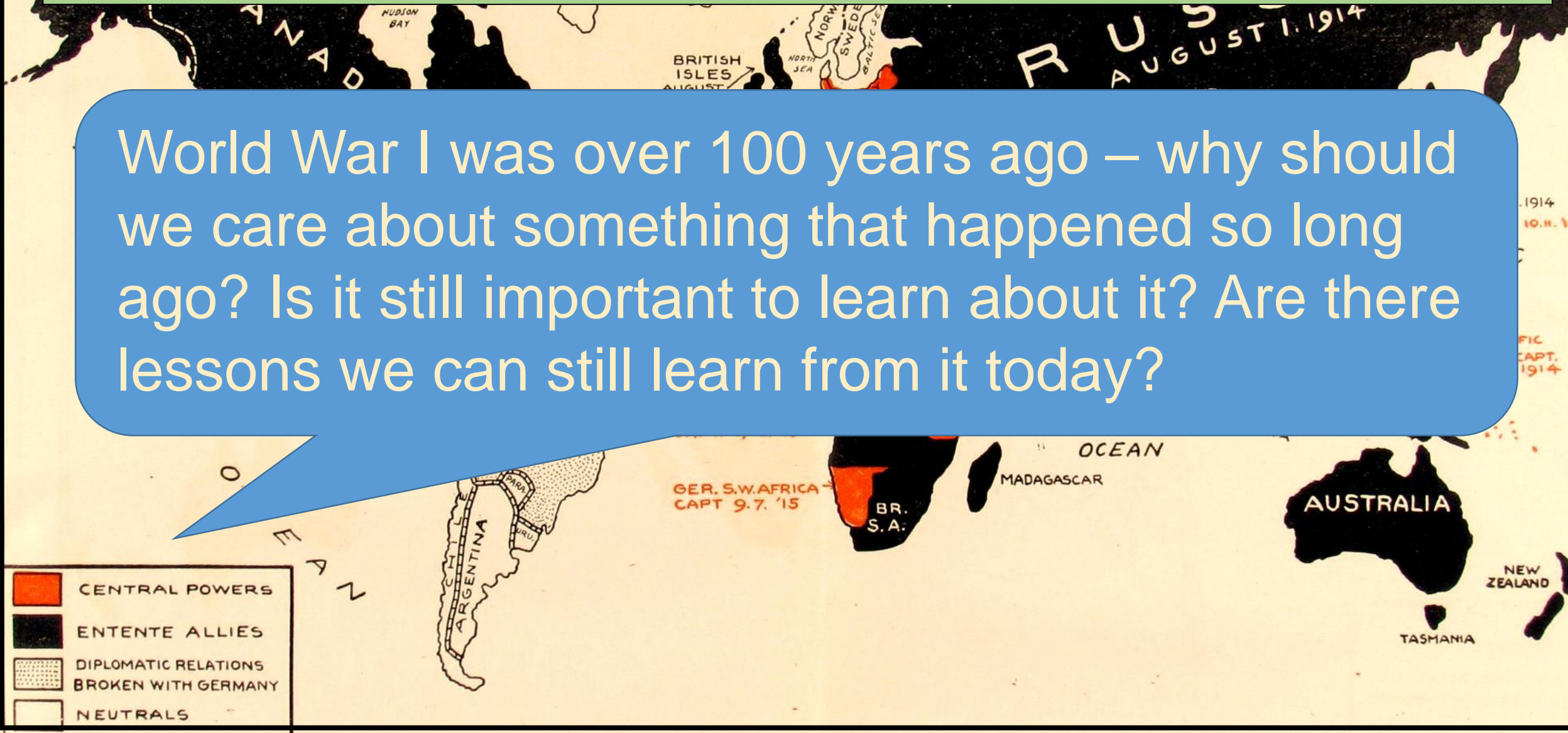


Should we remember World War I?

World War I was over 100 years ago – why should we care about something that happened so long ago? Is it still important to learn about it? Are there lessons we can still learn from it today?

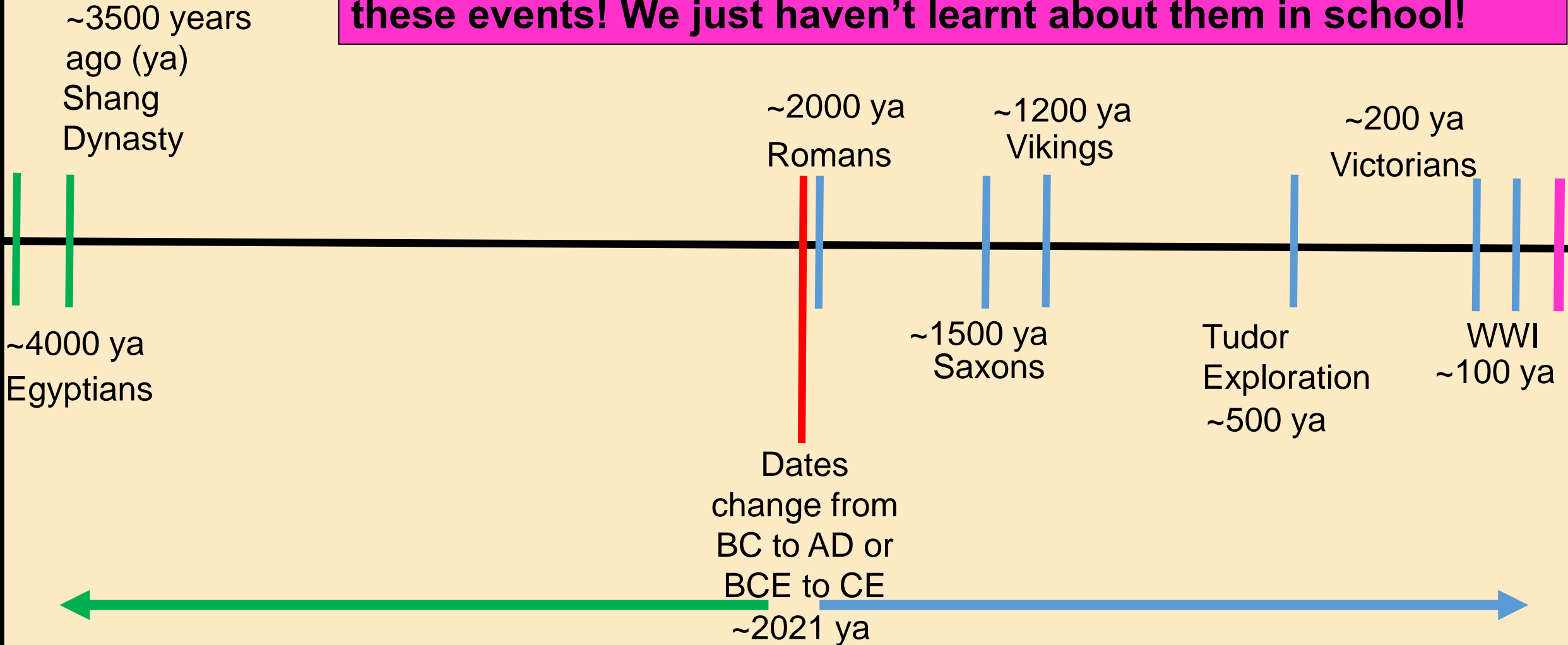


Lesson 1:

- What was it like before the war?
- Why did the war start?

Let's place World War I on a timeline...

By the way... There is lots of history that happened in between these events! We just haven't learnt about them in school!



What was the world like before 1914?

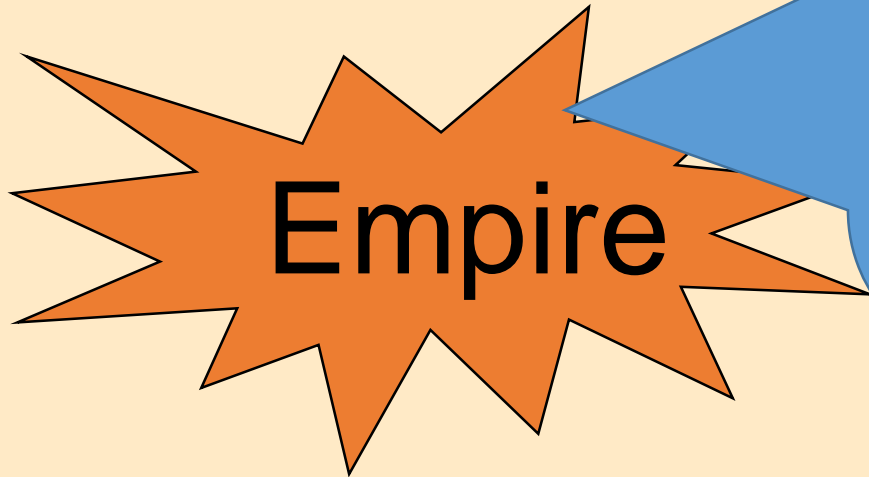
Let's jump in our time machines and travel back to before the Great War started... What was the world like and what was it like for people living in Britain at the time? What was different to your lives today?

Watch me!

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Key words and concepts to remember...



At the time, there were a few big empires in the world. An empire is when many countries have one ruler. For example, the British Empire controlled about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the world! There was also the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the German Empire. All of the rulers of these empires wanted more power.

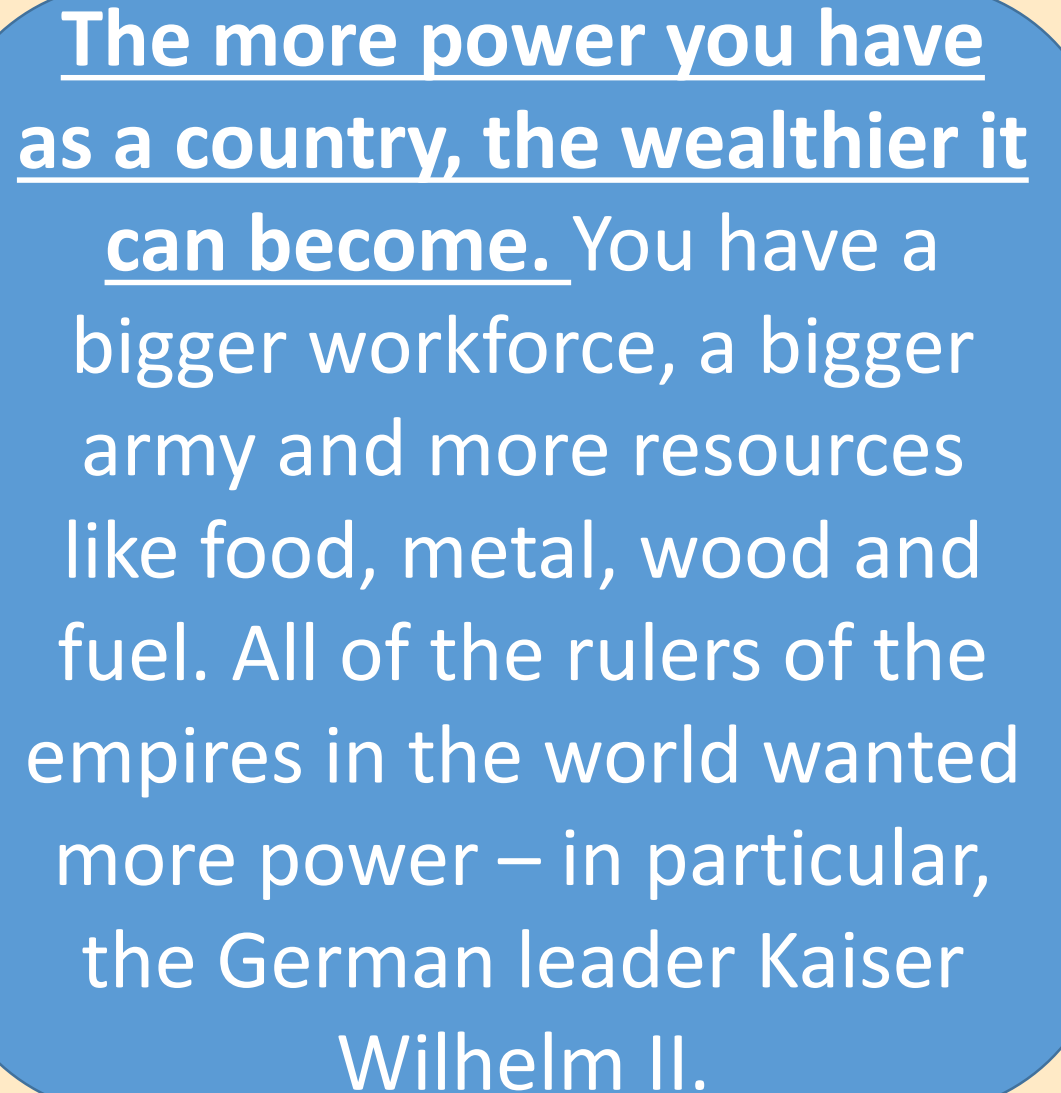
Europe before WWI:



Key words and concepts to remember...



Power



The more power you have as a country, the wealthier it can become. You have a bigger workforce, a bigger army and more resources like food, metal, wood and fuel. All of the rulers of the empires in the world wanted more power – in particular, the German leader Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Key words and concepts to remember...

Nationalism is when you think your country is better than anyone else's. At the time before WW1, Nationalism was growing and growing in each of the empires. Germany and Britain both thought they were the best and were big rivals.



Nationalism

Key words and concepts to remember...

An alliance is a bit like a friendship. At the time before WW1, lots of countries had made promises to help each other out, if they ever got invaded. This is a way for countries to get protection and also bigger armies.



Alliances

These four things came together to set the scene for World War 1...

Power

Alliances

Empire

Nationalism

Key concepts to remember...

Now watch these!

[\(11\) The Start of WW1 | Frightful First World War | Horrible Histories - YouTube](#)

[\(11\) Horrible Histories Song - World War 1 Cousins - CBBC - YouTube](#)

How did the War actually start?

Please note: this is quite complicated! It wasn't just one thing that started it... But the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand was the final straw...

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<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/time-to-remember-over-by-christmas-1914-record-5/query/archduke+franz+ferdinand>

Now draw your own cartoon explaining how WW1 Started...

