

Timeline #3 1878-1918

1878	Congress of Berlin.
1879	Dual Alliance (Austria & Germany)
1881	Resurrection of Three Emperors' League (Alliance) Austro-Serbian treaty (substantial Serb dependence on Austria)
1882	Formation of Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria & Italy)
1883	Rumania makes alliance with Germany & Austria
1884	Renewal of Three Emperors' League
1885	Bulgarian Crisis: unification of Bulgaria & Eastern Rumelia Brief Serbo-Bulgarian war Frustration of Russian efforts to control Bulgaria
1886	Alexander of Battenberg abdicates as Bulgarian prince Replaced by Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg
1887	Renewal of Triple Alliance gives some sanction for Italian offensive action. ¹ Bismarck engineers "Reinsurance Treaty" between Russia & Germany
1888	William I of Germany dies; succeeded briefly by Frederick III, then William II
1890	Dismissal of Bismarck; lapse of "Reinsurance Treaty"
1894	Franco-Russian alliance finalized
1895	Lapse of Austro-Serbian treaty of 1881
1896	Germany officially embarks on <i>Weltpolitik</i> (world policy)
1897	Ottoman-Greek War: showed there was still some vigor in Ottoman Empire Austro-Russian agreement puts Balkans "on ice" (at least until after 1905)
1899	International Peace conference at The Hague
1902	Anglo-Japanese alliance (directed against Russia)
1903	Serbian King & Queen murdered; Karageorgevich dynasty replaces Obrenovich Ilinden uprising in Macedonia (against Turkish rule) ²
1904	Franco-British Entente (above all on colonial questions: Morocco & Egypt) Björkö meeting between Kaiser and Russian Emperor.
1904-05	Russo-Japanese War, helps to precipitate Revolution of 1905 in Russia
1905	First Moroccan Crisis (Algeçiras conference held early in 1906)
1906	Anglo-French military conventions
1906-11	"Pig War": Austria blocks import of Serbian livestock into Hapsburg Monarchy
1907	Russo-British Entente (on colonial questions above all) Creates "Triple Entente" (France, Britain, Russia) ³ Second peace conference at The Hague
1908	Kaiser Wilhelm gives interview to <u>Daily Telegraph</u> Revolution of the Young Turks ("Union and Progress") in Ottoman Empire Bulgaria declares independence officially Austria-Hungary annexes Bosnia-Herzegovina. ⁴
1909	Russia embarks on substantial military reforms after Bosnian crisis Bethmann-Hollweg replaces von Bülow as German Chancellor
1911	Second Moroccan Crisis (the sequel) Italo-Turkish War: Italy attacks Ottoman Empire over Libya

¹ The Triple Alliance was also renewed in 1891, 1902, and 1912.

² Organized by IMRO, the Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization, formed in 1893.

³ Actually, this could be considered a Quadruple Entente, since this agreement included Japan as well.

⁴ Austria-Hungary abandons any claim on the Sanjak of Novi Pazar (territory separating Serbia and Montenegro).

- 1912 Haldane mission seeks Anglo-German agreement
First Balkan War: Balkan states gang up on Ottoman Empire
Germany introduces new military law
Kaiser Wilhelm II's "War Council"
- 1913 Anglo-French naval conventions
Passage of French army law changing term of service from two years to three
Second Balkan War: Serbia, Greece, and Ottoman Empire gang up on Bulgaria
Establishment of independent Albania under William of Wied
Serbian-Albanian crisis over Kosovo
Liman von Sanders Controversy
- 1914 "July Crisis" & outbreak of World War I

BONUS!! A Special Timeline on Imperialism

- 1830 France establishes itself in Algeria
- 1842 Treaty of Nanking ends Opium War (British victory over China)
- 1843 Britain establishes extraterritoriality and most-favored-nation status in China
- 1854 Americans force the "opening" of Japan through Treaty of Kanagawa
- 1856-60 War of English & French against China forces further concessions from China.⁵
- 1857 After uprising in India, Britain takes over direct control
- 1862 Treaty of Saigon establishes French interests in Indo-china
- 1864 Russia finally completes conquest of North Caucasus
- 1865 Russian conquest of Tashkent (defeat of northern Kokand)
- 1868 Meiji Restoration initiates Japanese modernization
Russia conquers Samarkand, establishes protectorate over Emirate of Bukhara
- 1869 Completion of the Suez canal
- 1873 Russia establishes protectorate over Khanate of Khiva
- 1881 Russia defeats & annexes Turkmenistan
France ceases Tunis (and irritates Italy)
Pretoria Convention gives "complete self-government" to inhabitants of Transvaal
- 1882 Great Britain in effect takes control of Egypt
- 1884 Russia occupies Merv leads to Pendjeh crisis with Britain
Germany begins to establish colonies in Africa
- 1884-85 Berlin conference paves way for "scramble for Africa"
- 1890 Britain cedes Heligoland to Germany in exchange for Zanzibar
- 1890s Russia begins construction of Trans-Siberian Railway (Moscow-Vladivostok)
- 1894-95 Japan defeats China in Sino-Japanese War
- 1894-97 "Armenian Massacres" in eastern portion of Ottoman empire
- 1896 Abyssinian (Ethiopian) defeat of Italian forces at Adowa
Wilhelm II sends Kruger telegram, irritates Britain
- 1898 Germany seizes Kiao-Chow; Russia takes Port Arthur & Manchuria
Spanish-American war: US becomes an imperial power
Franco-British showdown over Egypt at Fashoda
- 1899-1902 Boer War: Britain fights war against Dutch settlers in South Africa
- 1900 Boxer Rebellion in China against foreign influence
- 1902 Anglo-Japanese alliance (directed against Russia)
- 1904-05 Russo-Japanese War; revolution of 1905 in Russia
- 1906 Russians open Orenburg-Tashkent railway for regular traffic

⁵ For example, British subjects may no longer be referred to as "barbarians" in official Chinese documents.