France

Location: W. Europe

Size: large Power: great

Friends: France has no real allies, but has fought on the side of just about every country in Europe at one time or another when facing a common enemy. France prefers democracies over monarchies. Enemies: All Europe remembers when Napoleon's armies tried to conquer the whole continent in the name of exporting France's democratic revolution and overthrowing kings and emperors. This has left most countries resentful of France because they did not like someone else telling them what kind of government to have. There have been some disputes with England in recent years over colonies, but things seem to be getting better. Germany and France fought a bitter war in 1870 in which Germany stole 2 of France's provinces. France has sworn revenge and says that some day Alsace and Lorraine will be taken back by force if necessary.

Goals: Defend France at all costs. Stop German expansion and reclaim lost lands. Expand colonial empire to rival that of England. Strengths: Powerful army, which is feared and respected. Good navy. She also was one of the first countries to industrialize so she has a strong economy. France also has the second biggest colonial empire in the world.

Weaknesses: France's many colonies require a large army to keep them under her control. This leaves fewer forces to defend France or to be used to attack other countries.

Income: 3 economic points per year.

Beginning Setup:

Army: 2 Navy: 2

Industry: 2 Colonies: 2

Germany

Location: Central Europe

Size: large Power: great

Friends: Germany has no real allies, but has a certain friendship with Austria because of the rulers being of Germanic ancestry. Germany's Kaiser is related to the King of England and the Czar of Russia. Germany prefers monarchies over democracies. Germany has a lot in common with Italy because both countries unified later than most of their neighbors; leading to fewer colonies and later industrial development.

Enemies: Most countries resent Germany's claims of superiority and threats to its neighbors. France, Denmark and Austria have lost territory to her in recent years There have been some disputes with England and France in recent years over colonies, but things seem to be getting better. Germany and France fought a bitter war in 1870 in which Germany stole 2 of France's provinces. France has sworn revenge and says that some day Alsace and Lorraine will be taken back by force if necessary. Russia is afraid of German expansion because the Germans have expressed an interest in taking Poland away from her because part of it was once German.

Goals: Attack weaker neighbors whenever possible. Prove to the world that Germany is great through quick, decisive use of new military power. Hold on to recent German territorial expansion and add new lands to it if possible. Expand colonial empire to rival that of England and France.

Strengths: Powerful army, which is feared and respected. Strong navy which rivals England for the first time ever. Rapid industrialization with a growing economy.

Weaknesses: Few colonies. Few allies. Army and navy are anxious to try their strength so they are not very patient or willing to compromise.

Income: 3 economic points per year.

Beginning Setup:

Army: 3 Navy: 3 Industry: 2 Colonies: 1 Location: Southern Europe

Size: medium Power: great

Friends: Italy has no real allies, but has fought on the side of just about every country in Europe at one time or another when facing a common enemy or when it thought that joining the right side would help it gain power and influence. Italy generally prefers democracies over monarchies. Germany has a lot in common with Italy because both countries unified later than most of their neighbors; leading to fewer colonies and later industrial development.

Enemies: Most countries resent Italy's refusal to commit to long-term alliances as Italy has changed sides many times in the past. Italy hates Austria for controlling large parts of northern Italy before Italy's unification. Austria has lost territory to Italy in recent years, and the Italians still feel that some of the territory under Austria's control should rightfully be theirs. The same is true for Italy's relationship with France, but they do not hate the French as intensely. There have been some disputes with England and France in recent years over colonies, but things seem to be getting better.

Goals: Italy is jealous of its more powerful neighbors and wants to be like them. Italy will stay out of wars if possible to avoid being on the losing side and losing territory. Italy will join a war if they feel that other countries will reward them for their help. Italy wants to hold on to recent territorial expansion and add new lands to it if possible. Expand colonial empire to rival that of England and France.

Strengths: Average army and navy, which are yet to be proven.

Gradual industrialization with a growing economy.

Weaknesses: Few colonies. No permanent allies.

Income: 2 economic points per year.

Beginning Setup:

Army: 2 Navy: 2 Industry: 1 Colonies: 1

Austro-Hungarian Empire

Location: Central Europe, Balkans

Size: large Power: great

Friends: Austria has no real allies, but has a certain friendship with Germany because of the rulers being of Germanic ancestry. Austria prefers monarchies over democracies. Austria has a lot in common with Russia because both countries have conservative monarchies, which have joined to fight off the territorial expansion of Germany and France.

Enemies: Austria has lost territory in recent years to Italy and Germany as a result of their unification movements. As a result it has focused its attention on taking over small countries in the neighboring Balkan Peninsula. Austria faces a major challenge because Russia would like to expand into this area as well to gain access to warm-water seaports. The two countries have nearly fought each other in a major war many times by backing up the small country the other was trying to take over. Another enemy is the Ottoman Empire because many of the small countries Austria is trying to take over once belonged to the Turks and the Turks want them back.

Goals: Attack weaker neighbors whenever possible. Prove to the world that Austria is still great by gaining control of the Balkan Peninsula by standing up to Russia, Germany, Italy and the Ottoman Empire. Hold on to recent territorial expansion and add new lands to it if possible.

Strengths: Average army, which is still strongest in immediate area.

Weaknesses: The army is tied down by trying to keep many ethnic minorities within the empire from breaking away from the empire through revolution or foreign intervention on their behalf. Few colonies. Few allies. Many rivals. Small navy and a weak economy.

Income: 2 economic points per year.

Beginning Setup:

Army: 2 Navy: 1 Industry: 1 Colonies: 1

Russia

Location: Eastern Europe

Size: large Power: great

Friends: Russia has no real allies, but has a certain friendship with Germany and England because Germany's Kaiser is related to the King of England and the Czar of Russia. Russia prefers monarchies over democracies. Russia has a lot in common with Austria because both countries have conservative monarchies, which have joined to fight

off the territorial expansion of Germany and France.

Enemies: Russia is afraid of German expansion because the Germans have expressed an interest in taking Poland away from her because part of it was once German. Russia faces a major challenge from Austria because both countries are interested in taking over the Balkan Peninsula. The two countries have nearly fought each other in a major war many times by backing up the small country the other was trying to take over. Another enemy is the Ottoman Empire because many of the small countries Russia is trying to take over once belonged to the Turks and the Turks want them back. Russia also faces competition in Eastern Asia from Japan because both countries are interested in taking over parts of China. England has vowed to contain Russian expansion in Asia. As if this were not enough, revolutionaries at home are threatening to overthrow the Czar and form a democratic or communist government. Goals: Russia would like to expand into the neighboring Balkan peninsula and take over small countries as well to gain access to warm-water seaports. Hold onto vast empire and avoid war whenever possible. Prove to the world that Russia is still great by gaining control of the Balkan Peninsula by standing up to Austria, Germany, England, Japan and the Ottoman Empire. Hold on to recent territorial expansion and add new lands to it if possible.

Strengths: Huge army, which is still feared and respected. Vast colonial empire.
Weaknesses: Army weakened by old-fashioned equipment and

techniques and need to put down rebellions by colonies and revolutionaries. Small navy. Few allies. Many rivals. Small navy

and weak economy.

Income: 3 economic points per year.

Beginning Setup:

Army: 3 Navy: 1 Industry: 1 Colonies: 2

Ottoman Empire

Location: Balkans, Western Asia

Size: large Power: great

Friends: Turkey has no real allies, but has a certain friendship with France because they often have the same enemies. They also admire Germany's military power and share some of their enemies. Turkey prefers monarchies over democracies.

Enemies: Turkey has lost territory in recent years to Italy, France, England, Russia, and Austria, which it would like to reclaim. Turkey faces a major challenge because Russia would like to expand into its territory to gain access to warm-water seaports. The two countries have fought each other in small wars many times. Another enemy is Austria because many of the small countries Austria is trying to take over once belonged to the Turks who want them back.

Goals: Hold onto vast empire and avoid war whenever possible. Prove to the world that Turkey is still great by regaining control of the Balkan Peninsula and lost North African colonies. Standing up to the challenge from the other great powers to conquer the remaining Ottoman Empire and divide it amongst themselves. Hold on to what is left of your empire and add new lands to it if possible.

Strengths: Average army. Many colonies.

Weaknesses: Army is tied down in trying to keep more colonies from breaking away from you than already have. Few allies. Many rivals. Small navy and weak economy.

Income: 2 economic points per year.

Beginning Setup:

Army: 2 Navy: 1 Industry: 1 Colonies: 2

United States of America

Location: North America

Size: large Power: great

Friends: U.S.A. has no real allies, but has a certain friendship with France and England because of democratic traditions and because they often have the same enemies. The U.S. strongly prefers democracies over monarchies.

Enemies: U.S.A. has no real enemies, but will fight against an enemy it feels is morally wrong. The U.S.A. has had some minor disputes with England, France, and Germany over colonies in South America and the South Pacific, but has avoided war every time. Goals: Although America usually stays out of other countries' affairs, it is beginning to be interested in keeping a balance of power in Europe and Asia. She does not want to let any one power dominate either continent. America is eager to demonstrate new power and influence. America will also try to defend free and unrestricted trade. The U.S. is mostly interested in neutrality, but America will pick a fight with someone who tries to keep them from trading with either side in a war.

Strengths: Strong army and navy. Plentiful resources and rapid industrialization gave it a strong economy.

Weaknesses: Few allies. Reluctance to get involved in foreign affairs, especially wars.

Income: 4 economic points per year.

Beginning Setup:

Army: 2 Navy: 2 Industry: 3 Colonies: 1

Japan

Location: East Asia

Size: small Power: small

Friends: Japan has no real allies, but has a certain friendship with England because they often have the same enemies. Japan usually

prefers monarchies over democracies however.

Enemies: Japan is in direct competition with Russia for domination of the Chinese Province of Manchuria. They have almost gone to war over it several times. Japan has had some minor disputes with England, France, and Germany over colonies in China, but has avoided war every time.

Goals: Although Japan usually stays out of other countries' affairs, it is beginning to be interested in keeping a balance of power and establishing colonies in Asia. She does not want to let any one Western power dominate Asia. Japan would like to have Asia to itself, but is not yet strong enough to try and take it from the Western Powers. Japan is eager to demonstrate its new power and influence. Japan is mostly interested in neutrality, but will pick a fight with someone who tries to keep them from gaining colonies. Strengths: Small army and navy. Rapid industrialization is giving it a growing economy.

Weaknesses: Few allies. Reluctance to get involved in foreign

affairs, especially European wars. Income: 2 economic points per year.

Beginning Setup:

Army: 1 Navy: 1 Industry: 1 Colonies: 1



















