

SEMESTER 2 INTRO AND THE START OF THE GREAT WAR

IB History of the Americas Year 1

2021-2022

CHAT BOX Q

What was your favorite
moment from the holiday
break?

VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

- Be on time and stay for the full duration of the class period
- Turn your camera on (you may use privacy filters or a virtual background)
- Participate in the chat box or by unmuting yourself to speak
- Communicate any technical issues, questions, etc. by email: michelle.luco@atlanta.k12.ga.us
- **You must use your APS account to log in. (email ending in student.apsk12.org or apsk12.org) Open Zoom through MyBackpack to ensure you can enter the class.**

UNIT 2 THE FIRST WORLD WAR

- Semester 1 topics
 - Long- and short-term causes of the First World War
- Semester 2 topics
 - Practices and nature of the First World War
 - U.S. involvement in the war
 - Peacemaking and the effects of the war
- Summative
 - “Take-home” exam – paper on U.S. entry into the war

OTHER SEMESTER 2 TOPICS

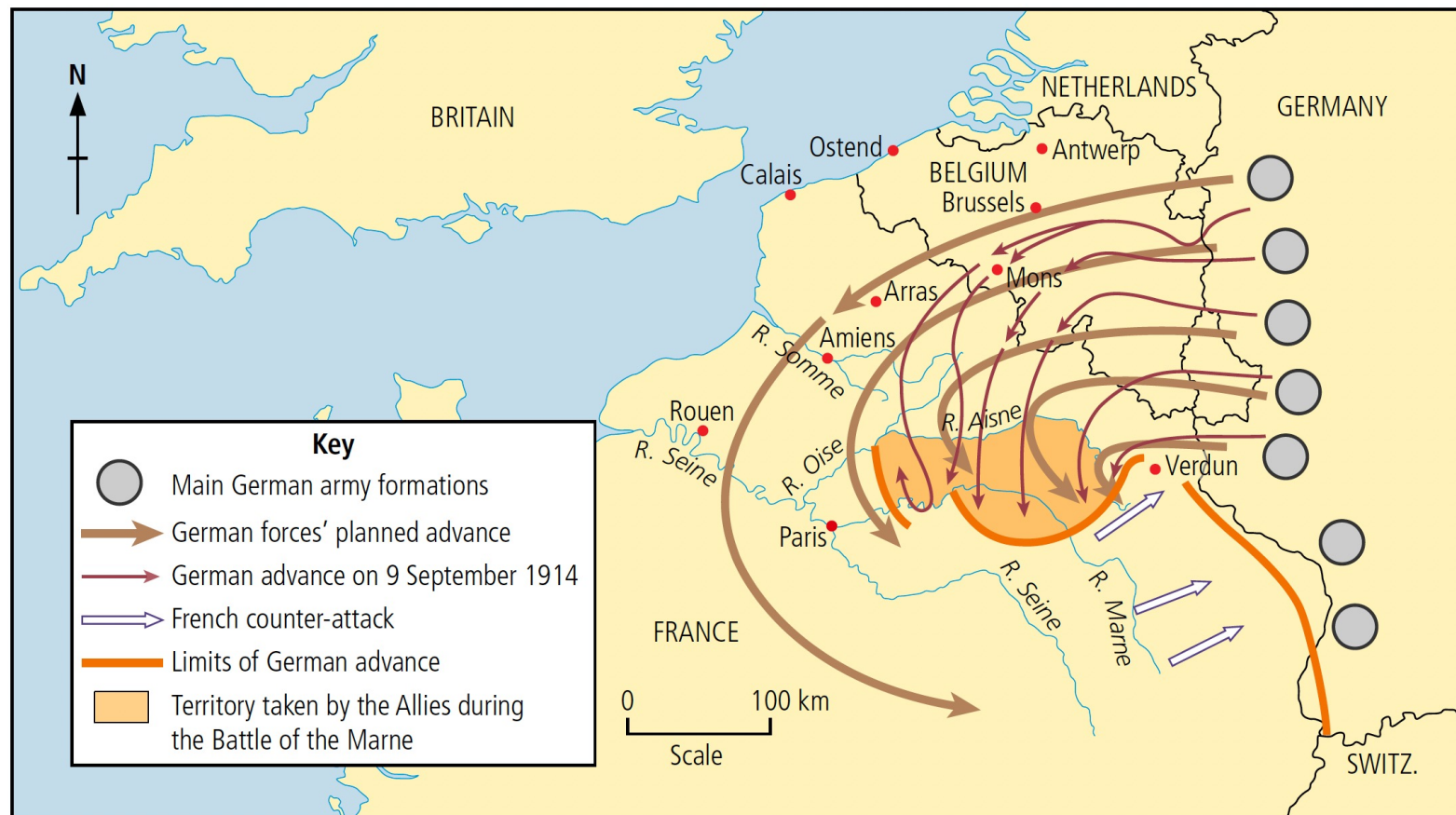
- **February:** Unit 3 The Great Depression in the Americas
- **March – May:** Unit 4 The Second World War (Global and in the Americas)
- Exams: expect a midterm and a final (timed essays)
- Projects: Great Depression presentations (pairs) and a research project on the Second World War
- Ongoing: History Journal #2

ABOUT THE ESSAYS...

- Based on the first semester final exams, we need to work on...
 - **Structure** – How to effectively organize your essay and supporting evidence
 - **Chronology** – Understanding how events relate to each other in time (chronological order, cause-and-effect relationships)
 - **Argumentation** – Arguments were generally clear, but we can work on writing more sophisticated thesis statements

THE GREAT WAR BEGINS...

Following the declarations of war in July and August 1914, governments made their opening moves: Austria-Hungary opened fire on Serbia, Russia mobilized its troops, Britain prepared the **British Expeditionary Force** (the BEF), and Germany put its **Schlieffen Plan** into action.



STUDENT-PACED NEARPOD

- Watch the Great War videos and answer the embedded questions in the Nearpod.
- Join at join.nearpod.com or in the app
- **ZXRDL**