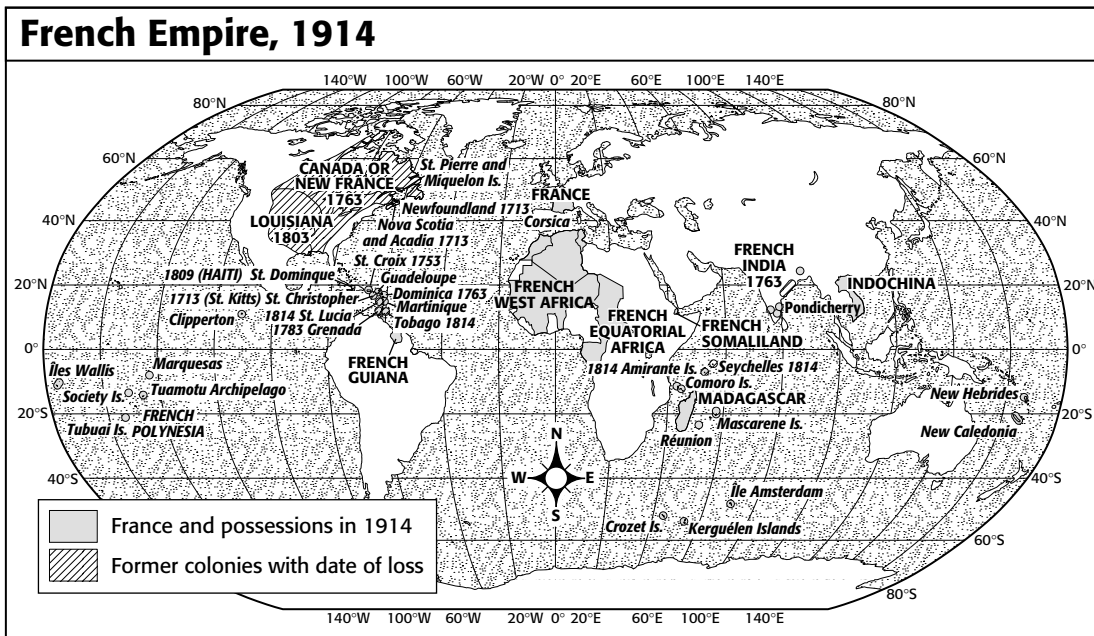


CHAPTER 14

Map Activity

France's Colonial Empire

France once had one of the largest colonial empires in the world. The map below shows French possessions and former colonies in 1914, on the eve of World War I. Examine the map and answer the questions on the following page.



Chapter 14, Map Activity, continued

1. What colonies did France give up in 1713? What colonies did it lose in 1763?

2. What possessions did France still have in the Americas in 1914? What territory did it control in the Mediterranean?

3. Where was French Indochina?

4. What French possessions does the map show in the South Pacific?

5. **Critical Thinking: Location** Where were most of France's colonial possessions in 1914? How might location have played a part in that?

ACTIVITY With a classmate, do research on one of France's current overseas possessions. Create an illustrated poster that presents key facts about the territory and its people. Include an analysis of the territory's political status and why it remains a French possession.