



GCSE

HISTORY

**Paper 1 Section B/A: Conflict and tension:
the First World War, 1894–1918**

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SOURCE A for use in answering Question 01

SOURCES B and C for use in answering Question 02

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SOURCE A

A French cartoon called 'Victory Report' published in 1915.

The German Kaiser is shown writing this report about the sinking of the Lusitania. The figure in the top left corner represents America.

The cartoon shows the German Kaiser wearing military uniform, writing a report about the sinking of Lusitania. The Lusitania is shown sinking behind him. In the background, a figure representing America is clenching his fist at the Kaiser.



SOURCE B

Adapted from a letter about the situation in the Balkans sent by the Emperor of Austria to the German Kaiser, Wilhelm II, September 1908.

**Dear Wilhelm,
Bosnia has wanted independence from Turkey for some time. Now that Turkey is weak, Austria should take control of Bosnia and rule it.**

I tell you this in advance because of our close and friendly relationship. I hope that you will welcome this and understand that we do it out of urgent necessity. 5

Your faithful friend, Francis Joseph

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SOURCE C

A cartoon commenting on the situation in the Balkans published in November 1908 in a German magazine. The magazine often criticised the Kaiser's policies.

In the cartoon, Austria-Hungary steals small 'birds' from an unstable building. The stolen birds are labelled, "Bosnia" and "Herzegovina". A large bird labelled, "Serbia" is pecking at Austria-Hungary. Two birds labelled "Bulgaria" and "Turkey" are fighting each other. Germany and Italy are holding the ladder while Britain, France and Russia look on.



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