Map Analysis: Europe Before And After WWI

The Big Picture

• At the end of WWI, the victorious allies forced Germany, Austria, and Turkey to sign the Versailles Treaty
• One result of the treaty was that each of these countries lost all of their colonies
• Another result was the creation of new borders and many new countries within Europe itself

Directions

1. Review the maps of Europe in 1914 (before the war) and 1919 (after the war), then complete the tasks below:

2. List the countries and empires that were part of Europe in 1914 that no longer existed in 1919.

3. List all of the new countries displayed on the 1919 map that were not present during 1914.

4. For each of the new countries listed above, write down the empire of which that country was once a part of.

5. Make to columns, one titled “gained” and the other titled “lost”. List, under the appropriate columns, those countries that gained or lost territory from 1914 to 1919.
6. How might these changes lead to conflicts in Europe later on? Give at least two possible ideas.

7. Look at the map of Europe today. List which new countries have been created and which countries have been “lost”.