

IELTS Academic Writing Task 1: Map

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The maps highlight shifts in the borders of European countries before and after World War 1. Overall, it is notable that while nearly half of the nations saw no change to their boundaries, the rest of them experienced significant changes between 1914 and 1918, with some countries disappearing or shrinking and new countries founded in their place.

According to the maps, between 1914 and 1918 three regions--Western Europe, Northern Europe, and Northern Africa—experienced no alterations in national boundaries; these regions constitute roughly half of all Europe. In contrast, Germany and Russia in northeast saw the border region between them broken up into 5 new countries (the largest of which is Poland).

In examining central Eastern Europe, it can be seen that Austria-Hungary and Serbia turned into 4 separate nations by 1918, as well as losing substantial territory to Romania (which doubled in size in 4 years). Unlike that region, most of the nations in the southeastern portion of Europe saw little change over this 4-year period. Only Bulgaria suffered any reduction in size, losing a portion of its land to Turkey.