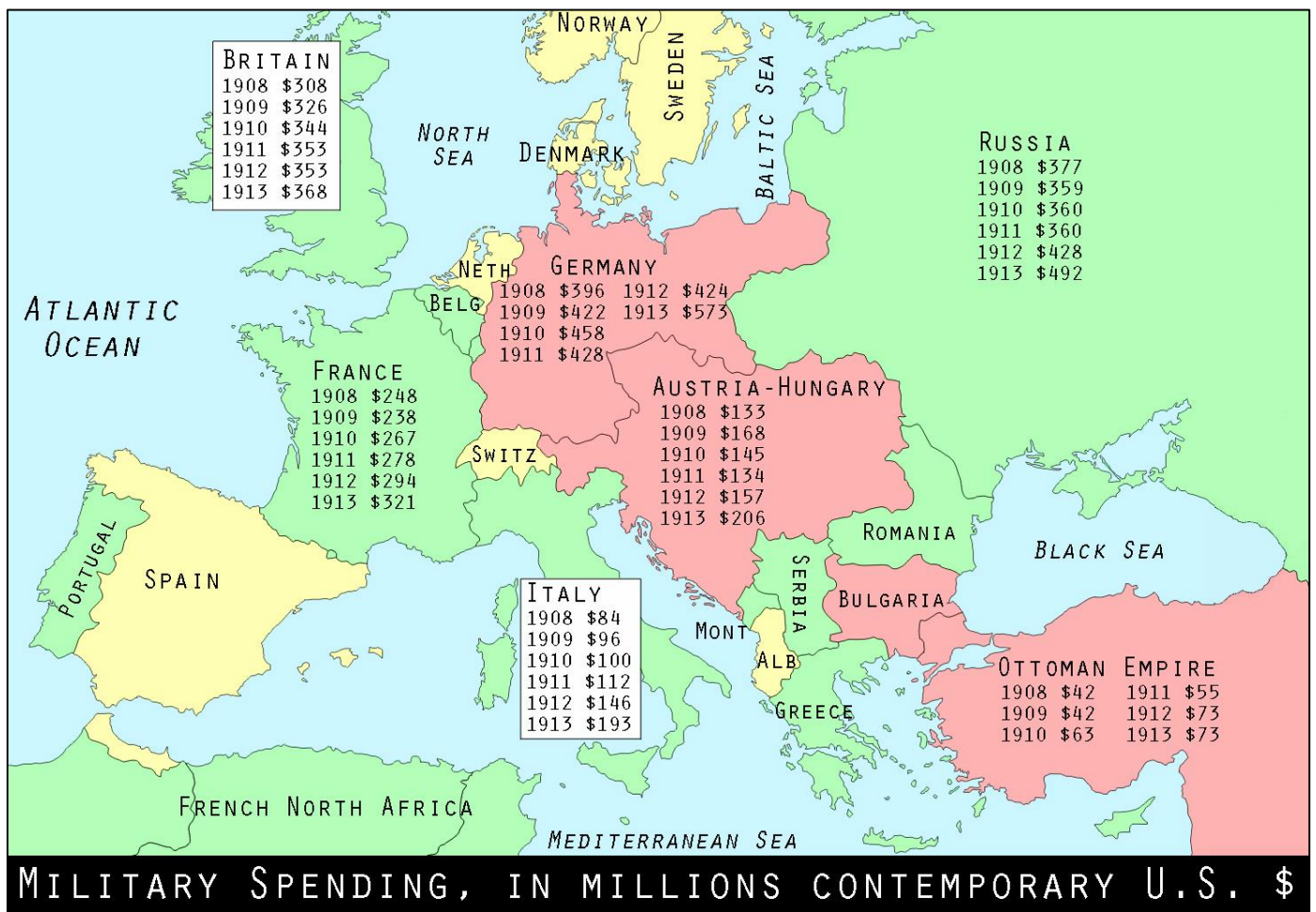


Warm-Up: Rise of Militarism



Militarism was a major cause of tension in the years leading up to World War I. **Militarism** is the policy of building up strong armies in the preparation for war. European nations expanded their armies and navies, causing one another to be worried about their own security. For example, Germany expanded its navy and posed a threat to Britain's naval dominance – Britain responded by expanding her fleet of ships. The race for naval supremacy strained relations between the two nations.

1. According to the map, what change is taking place in European countries from 1908 to 1913?
2. What is militarism?
3. How does one nation expanding its military lead to all nations seeking to expand their militaries?
4. Why do you think that a rise in militarism led to conflict?