# Making History: The Great War Quick Guide for Early Access

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This document will give you a few of the basics to get started. We apologize for the lack of detail. Some things are going to change, and this documentation will probably include some inaccuracies in as little as a few weeks, as development continues. Please direct any questions not covered here to either the forum at making-history.com or in the Steam Community Hub Forum.

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- 1. The **Top Bar** displays all the status of your resources, money (displayed as Gold) manpower, stability, shipping capacity and current victory status based on power points. Hover over each with your mouse to view the Tooltips.
- 2. **The Summary Panel** Lists what has finished this turn, including research, combat, production, Diplomacy and more. Clicking on an icon expands the panel.
- 3. **The Notification Panel** displays key events in the game, from riots to declarations of war, announcements about changes in trade status and more.
- 4. **The Control Panel** circular icons open up each area of the game. When you first begin playing, click on each to see how to find all the detail about each area of the game. The **Mini-map** lets you click to shift larger distances instantly. Left of the Mini-map is a grid of **Map Views**. Each places different overlays on the map to show the player different information.
- 5. **The Selection panel** shows details about whatever area or object you have clicked on, from units and cities on the map, to game panels selected from the Control Panel.

# **GREAT POWERS: Objectives for Diplomacy and Disaster**

## **Germany Objective:**

You are Germany and it's 1912. Your long-term plan is to attack Russia before she builds up her industry too much, take some her desirable western regions and become the dominant Great Power nation in Europe. In addition to Russia herself, you must be ready to face France and possibly The British Empire. Russia would also like to invade the tottering Ottoman Empire but so far British support has stopped them. Russia attacking the Ottomans would weaken her, which ultimately helps you. Your allies are few, and not very powerful. The Austro-Hungarian Empire is in rough shape and yet spoiling for a fight with Serbia, expecting, of course, that you would aid them. You'd rather not do this, at least until you know you can dominate Russia.

## **France Objective:**

France in 1912 is very concerned about rising militarism in Germany and will seek to counter that through its own military buildup and by creating alliances that will aid them and punish Germany should it try to dominate Europe. At the same time, France really wants Alsace-Lorraine. Try to get it back without exposing yourself to full scale war.

# **Austro-Hungarian Empire Objective**

In 1912, your empire is financially and politically unstable. Although you remain the largest empire in mainland Europe, the cracks are forming with your already fractured dual monarchy as it deals with the many ethnic groups contained within. Your primary goal is to make the Balkan regions your own. Seek alliances with Germany and beware of Russia. They want the Balkans as well.

## **Russia Objective**

After the recent Russo-Japanese war (which you lost) you were forced to deal with internal problems. But by 1912, things are pretty good as your industry is growing rapidly and projected to achieve parity (or perhaps even surpass) France and Austria-Hungary within a couple years. But while your growth is one of the fastest in the world, you are still dealing with massive debts. You've been making diplomatic progress with Germany and you and Japan have agreed on each other's spheres of influence. It's time to turn your gaze on the Balkans and make them part of Russia before the Austrian-Hungarian Empire does.

Of course, this is Making History, so you can choose to do something completely different.

Chance are, whatever you choose to do, you will need to build up your armies, increase production and research new technologies. Be sure to balance your research between military and general production.

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Money is important in this game, and if you run out by trying to build up too quickly, your production will be affected as workers strike and riot, new factions can rebel and revolt, and troops can choose to mutiny and join them!

#### **MOVEMENT:**

- 1. Left click to select
- 2. Right-click to open menus or move selected units
- 3. Mouse wheel to zoom
- 4. Move mouse to edge of screen to scroll map (Full Screen only)
- 5. Hold left mouse button down and slide to scroll map (Full Screen and Windowed mode)
- 6. Home and End keys change the angle.

#### **CORE GAMEPLAY OVERVIEW**

The game is organized around Nations, Regions, Cities & Units. You can take actions in each of these areas to achieve your goals.

#### **UNITS:**



Units are constructed in Cities. Troops are built in particular specialty buildings called Recruitment Facilities and the machines of war, such as artillery, planes, and tanks are built in factories. Ships are built in shipyards.

#### **CITIES:**

Here you can build units, add factories and specialized buildings, such as aircraft hangers to construct plane parts, Motor Works, to produce autos, Mechanized Mill to produce textiles, among others. It is critical to balance manufacturing between units for war and items to provide wealth.

#### **REGIONS:**



Here you can build defensive fortifications, airfields, and transportation infrastructure such as rail. Transportation using rail is critical during this time period. Without building rails to remote cities, you will be unable to grow that city since you cannot bring resource materials there to be processed, nor remove materials from resource producers to be used in your nation.

#### **NATIONS:**

This is where you assign research, set tax rates, introduce government policy actions, review trade and exercise diplomatic actions.



#### **DIPLOMACY**

Right click on another nation and select the country name to view diplomatic relations.

## RESOURCES AND MANUFACTURED GOODS

On the Top Bar, you will see items listed that include resources: Coal, Metals, Oil and Food, and Manufactured Goods: Steel, Fuel and Arms. The numbers beneath show your current stockpile (number on left) and whether you are running a surplus or a deficit each turn (in parenthesis on right with surplus listed in green and deficit in red).

RESOURCE	HOW DO I GET IT?	WHAT IS IT USED FOR?
COAL	<ul> <li>Build or expand resource producers in your own territory.</li> <li>Propose resource-specific Trade Agreement with a friendly nation.</li> <li>Put out general buy order on the world market.</li> <li>Invade or otherwise take control of a region that contains a coal resource.</li> </ul>	Coal is the major power source used by all factories. It is consumed when moving land forces along railroads and powers earlier naval vessels until oil-using ships replace them. It can also be sold directly on the world market to generate wealth.
METALS	<ul> <li>Build or expand resource producers in your own territory.</li> <li>Propose resource-specific trade agreement with a friendly nation.</li> <li>Put out general buy order on the world market.</li> <li>Invade or otherwise take control of a region that contains a metals resource.</li> </ul>	Metals are primarily used to make steel, a requirement for many military units. Metals are also used directly to make wrought iron, machine tools and capital goods which can generate wealth. It can also be sold directly on the world market.
OIL	<ul> <li>Build or expand resource producers in your own territory.</li> <li>Propose resource-specific Trade Agreement with a friendly nation.</li> <li>Put out general buy order on the world market.</li> <li>Invade or otherwise take control of a region that contains an oil resource.</li> </ul>	Oil is required to produce fuel. It can also be used to create petrochemicals and kerosene to generate wealth, or sold directly on the world market.
FOOD	<ul> <li>Build or expand farms in your own territory.</li> <li>Propose resource-specific Trade Agreement with a friendly nation.</li> <li>Put out general buy order on the world market.</li> <li>Invade or take control of a regions producing food.</li> </ul>	Food is used to improve or maintain the morale of the people in your nation, including military forces. It can be sold on the world market to generate wealth.

MANUFACTURED ITEM	HOW DO I GET IT?	WHAT IS IT USED FOR?
Steel	<ul> <li>Manufacture it in one of your factories using metals.</li> <li>Propose resource-specific Trade Agreement with a friendly nation.</li> <li>Put out general buy order on the world market.</li> </ul>	Steel is used to build It can also be sold directly on the world market to generate wealth.
Fuel	<ul> <li>Manufacture it in one of your factories using oil.</li> <li>Propose resource-specific Trade Agreement with a friendly nation.</li> <li>Put out general buy order on the world market.</li> </ul>	Fuel is used for planes, vehicles and later classes of ships. It can also be sold directly on the world market to generate wealth.
Arms	<ul> <li>Manufacture it in one of your factories.</li> <li>Propose resource-specific Trade Agreement with a friendly nation.</li> <li>Put out general buy order on the world market.</li> </ul>	Arms are consumed when using your military forces. They can also be sold directly on the world market to generate wealth.

# **Diplomacy Panel**

To initiate Diplomacy, right-click on the country you'd like to speak with and select the nation name. Once the panel opens, click the tab with the Column Building icon (Government Policy). You will see this panel



Most options are self-explanatory. The Government Policy actions at the bottom are not fully implemented, but you can fund political opposition and fund a coup attempt. Choosing these will open a panel asking which faction you support. If the nation you are dealing with is stable, you will have very little chance of impacting the government and will most likely cause serious harm to your diplomatic relations. However, for an unstable nation they can be very effective.

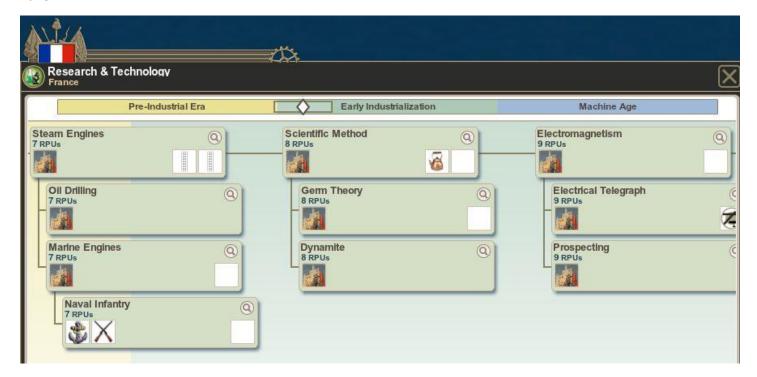
# **Factories and Rail**

The image below shows the Transportation Infrastructure map overlay. Paris is the selected city. As the color coding indicates, Paris has medium rail density. In the selection panel at the lower left, three of the four slots for factory or specialty buildings are occupied. At the current rail density, it is impossible to add a fourth, although you will be able to upgrade buildings in the existing slots. High density rail must first be constructed to access that last slot. The regions with low density rail, color coded yellow, can be upgraded to medium density rail by right-clicking one of those regions and selecting that project. Under the current technology level France in 1912 is incapable of constructing high-density rail. More research projects will need to be completed before it becomes available. (See Industrial Production for more details)



## **RESEARCH**

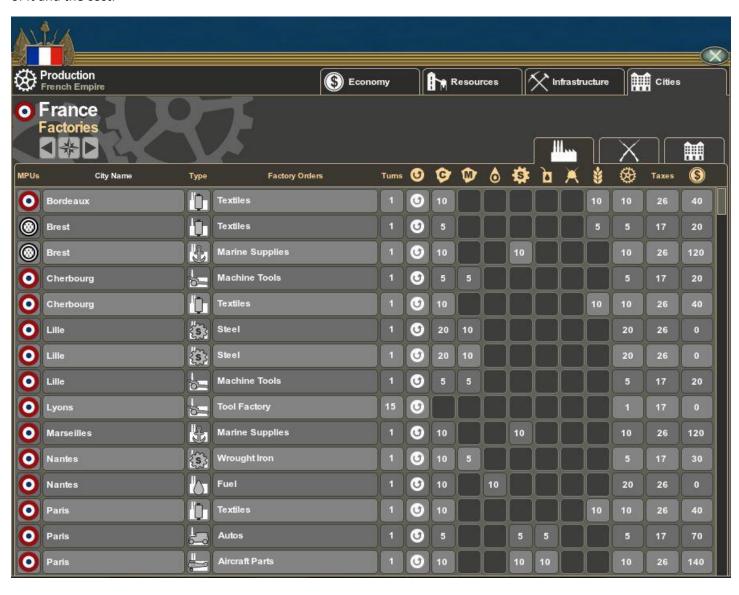
The Research Tree can be viewed by clicking on the Beaker icon on top of the Control Panel at the lower right. NOTE: A number of projects are not fully implemented. Projects can be selected here or from the Beaker tab on the Government Panel.



# **Cities**

# **Factory Tab**

The Factory tab on the City panel lists each building and its current production. That's why you see three different listings for Paris (at the bottom), as it has three factories. This panel also shows you what is being produced, how much of it and the cost.



#### **Units Tab**

The Crossed Rifles tab signifies the Land Units tab, and shows what military forces are being created. You are limited by the number of cities with Recruitment facilities. At the start of the 1912 scenario, France has three. Recruitment Facilities can be upgraded, allowing them to produce better and more varied types of units. The level of the centers is marked by Roman numerals under the Recruitment Facility icon (looks like a castle). The menu is displaying the units that can be built in the level II facility in Paris.



The main **City Tab** shows everything being built. Clicking on an icon sorts for that column. The **Current Project** column is where players select what building to construct. To the right of that you can see **Turns** to completion and the **Factory Icon** shows how many slots are used/available.



# **HOTKEYS:**

F1-F12 keys correspond to each of the Map View buttons on the control panel. (Only F1-F5 functional as of 5/19 update)





NOTE: Not all of these are enabled correctly as of May 19, 2014

W A + S D	Map scrolling: Up, Down, Left, Right
Tab	Summary Panel
Enter	Chat
М	Military Panel
N	Nation Panel (Diplomacy)
G	Government
С	Production
R	Research Tree
Т	Trade (World Market)
E	Encyclopedia

#### INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

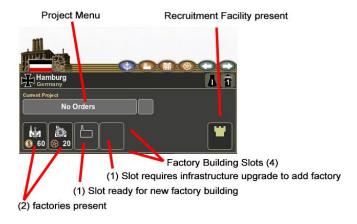
Your cities are where you build **Factories** for producing hardware, **Recruitment Facilities** for training troops, and other **Specialty Buildings** to add to food supplies and research.

# **Factory Building Slots**

Each of your cities has slots to construct factories that generate income, military units, industrial supplies like steel, and shipping capacity for sea, roads and rail. The number of slots available is tied to the level of transportation infrastructure. Each category of industrial building has a specific output. You can choose between manufacturing that produces income or creates military units and vital supplies. For example, a vehicle plant can produces autos (which

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generate income) or tank units. Only one type can be produced at any one time and you can switch production between the two whenever you wish. However, there is a production penalty for "retooling" when you switch.



## **Transportation & Industrial Tracks**

If you have no rail or roads attaching your city to your supply network, you cannot build a factory. Each level of transportation infrastructure you add allows you to move more materials, food, and personnel through that region, and to add more industry to the cities within that region. Higher transportation levels mean more factory slots in your cities. If you cannot improve the Transportation Infrastructure level, you probably lack the technology and will need to complete additional research.

HIGHER TRANSPORTATION LEVELS
MEAN MORE FACTORY SLOTS IN
YOUR CITIES

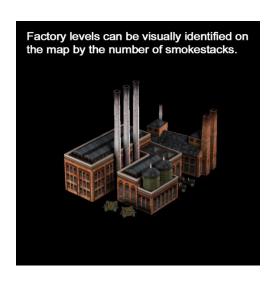
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE LEVELS	SLOTS
None	0
Unpaved Roads	1
Low Rail Density	2
Medium Rail Density	3
High Rail Density	4

# **Factory Upgrades**

Factory tracks each have three levels. Each upgrade speeds up the production of output when building units, and increases Gold generation when producing income. Each upgrade increase the number of MPU's required, and also increases tax revenue.



The current factory level can be easily distinguished by looking at the number of smokestacks on the factory icon.



The **INDUSTRIAL TRACKS** chart debelow details the various tracks, their income options and their supply/military options.

INDUSTRIAL TRACKS (require factory slot in city)								
FACTORY TRACK: Level 1 $ ightarrow$ Level 2 $ ightarrow$ Level 3	INCOME GENERATOR	SUPPLIES / MILITARY UNITS						
Mill → Mechanized Mill → Manufacturing Plant	Textiles	Arms						
Iron Works → Steel Mill →- Steel Plant	Wrought Iron, Rail Capacity	Steel						
Distillery → Refinery → Petrochemical Plant	Kerosene	Fuel						
Motor Works → Vehicle Factory → Vehicle Plant	Autos, Road Capacity	Tanks						
Aircraft Hanger → Aircraft Factory → Aircraft Plant	Aircraft Parts	Air Units						
Dockyard → Shipyard → Industrial Shipyard	Marine Supplies, Shipping Capacity	Naval Ships						
Metal Works → Tool Factory → Tooling Plant	Machine Tools	Artillery						

# **Specialty City Buildings (Non-Factory Types)**

Also constructed in cities, these buildings are not part of the industrial building group so they do not occupy a factory slot. They have various benefits, penalties and costs.

## **Recruitment Buildings**



Troops that make up your military require a military office building in the city to create and train units. These buildings also have three levels, the higher levels requiring higher levels of research to build. Recuitment facilities do not take up a factory slot. This process represents training and organizational facilities for people. Industrialized production in factories is for building the actual hardware: artillery, tanks, planes and ships.

RECRUITMENT BUILDING	LEVEL	UNIT OPTIONS
Barracks	1	Militia & Cavalry
Recruitment Center	2	Level 1 units plus lower levels of Mounted Infantry, Engineers, Marines and Mountain Infantry
Military Academy	3	Level 2 units plus higher levels of Mounted Infantry, Engineers, Marines, Mountain Infantry, and Assault Troops

#### **Research Buildings**

Constructing Research Buildings in cities increases the odds that your research will advance in a given turn.

RESEARCH BUILDING	LEVEL	EFFECT
University	1	The construction of a University in a city provides an increased chance to add to national research as well as a Cultural Bonus in the Region it is located.
Research Facility	2	Increases the odds of adding Research points each turn.
Technology Center	3	Further increases odds of adding research points each turn.

# **Other Specialty Buildings**

# **Power Station**

Produces Energy using Coal and generates wealth.

## **Fishery**

Generates Food using Gold. Must be built in port city

## Slaughterhouse

Generates Food using Gold.

## **Food Processing Plant**

Uses Steel. Increases food output of existing Slaughterhouse or Fishery

#### Hospital

Generates bonus Manpower Units (MPUs) for Gold in regions where the city containing them is located

# **Region Infrastructure Costs**

The tables below measures costs including build times, gold to build and maintain, resources, and research required.

- Military Infrastructure Costs
- Transportation Infrastructure Costs
- Food infrastructure Costs

MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS								
Name	Turns to build	Gold /turn	Coal /turn	Metals /turn	Oil /turn	Steel /turn	Maintenance Gold/turn	Research Required
Airbase	1	1				1	5	Aviation
Trenchworks I	1	1					5	Mining Engineering
Trenchworks II	3	2					10	Machine Guns
Trenchworks III	6	3					15	Military Industrialization 1
Trenchworks IV	10	5					20	Deep Defense
Trenchworks V	15	10					25	Military Industrialization 5
Fortification I	20	1					25	Metal Fabrication
Fortification II	25	2					30	Dynamite
Fortification III	30	3				1	40	Krupp Armor
Fortification IV	40	5				3	44	Heavy Gun Armaments
Fortification V	50	10				5	50	Deep Defense
Coastal Defense I	5	1				1	5	Early Industrialization
Coastal Defense II	10	2				2	10	Dynamite
Coastal Defense III	10	3				3	15	Reinforced Concrete
Coastal Defense IV	15	5				4	20	Heavy Gun Armaments
Coastal Defense V	20	10				5	25	Deep Defense

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS								
Name	Turns to build	Gold /turn	Coal /turn	Metals /turn	Oil /turn	Steel /turn	Maintenance Gold/turn	Research Required
Unpaved Roads	10	5				0	5	Subsistence Economy
Low Rail Density	15	10	1			10	10	Steam Engines
Medium Rail Density	20	15	2			15	15	Heavy Industries
High Rail Density	25	20	3			20	20	Armored Trains
Electric Railways	30	25	4			25	25	Military Industrialization 5

FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS								
Name	Turns to build	Gold /turn	Coal /turn	Metals /turn	Oil /turn	Steel /turn	Maintenance Gold/turn	Research Required
Open Field Farming	30	10						Crop Rotation
Enclosed Farms	30	15						Agrarian Reform
Mechanized Farms	30	20				10		Agricultural Mechanization
Factory Farms	30	25				20		Chemical Fertilizers

# **Generating Income**



It's very important to be looking for ways to generate income and increase the amount of money (represented as Gold). Building and maintaining an empire is expensive, and without proper funds you will be unable to trade for needed materials. Some of the costs are listed

above. The next chart illustrates ways to add to your treasury. Some ways are immediate, others improve over time. Some revenue increases will occer as you improve your technology. For example, more advanced infantry can be more effective for less overall expense than simple militia.

WAYS TO INCREASE INCOME								
Action	Location	How to earn more Gold	What's the potential downside?					
Increase number and quality of factories	Cities	Adding more factories increases production income and taxes. Taxes from consumer goods and increased trade revenue from fuel, steel and arms.	Results only after construction complete, and higher levels of factories require more advanced research.					
Trade	Trade or Government panels	Sell any resources or manufactured goods in your stockpile by posting a general sell order, or look for specific nations wishing to buy the resource you want to sell	You have fewer resources to use for production and expansion projects.					
Ask for financial aid	Destination nations's Government panel	Other nations may lend you gold, if you ask for it.	Usually a temporary solution, requires established diplomatic relations.					
Alter Military Readiness	Military Panel, Military Command tab	Lowering your military readiness status will immediately and significantly increase your income.	Military is less effective, and it takes multiple turns to return to higher levels of readiness.					
Increase tax rate	Government Panel, Gov. Policy tab	Increasing the tax rate on your people gives an immediate boost to income.	Higher tax rates make your people unhappy, which reduces stability and can lead to strikes, riots, or worse.					
Increase colonial taxes	Your colonies	Increasing the tax rate on your colonies gives an immediate boost to income without threatening national stability.	Higher tax rates can lower stability and cause rebellion in colonies.					
Demolishing military infrastructure	Production panel or individual region	Removing infrastructure such as trenches or airfields reduces maintenance costs, thus improving your income.	Lowers defenses in the region. Best to not overbuild in the first place!					
Disbanding military forces	Military panel or directly on map	Disbanding troops or ships lowers overall costs, thus improving your income.	Removing troops weakens your military capability.					
Conquest	Varies	Invade other nations and take their territory, including any cities infrastructure and resources.	Risks counter-attack, allies may leave and nations may embargo you.					

## THE CONTROL PANEL

All policy areas of the game can be accessed via the Control Panel at the lower right of the screen. This is also where you end turn, bring up the main menu, change map views, review game turn status, and use the mini-map.

# CONTROL PANEL Government Production Diplomacy Research Trade Military Encyclopedia **End Turn** Main Menu Scenario Date March 8, 1912 Turn: 2/325 Turn Timer Turn number 25:41:09 / Total Turns Mini-map Map Views

## **Control Panel Icons**



## **End Turn**

Advances to the next turn. This happens automatically if turn timer is set for a specific time.



## Military

Opens the Military panel. Find details about your own Army, Artillery, Navy and Air Forces. View data and statistics of the military forces of all nations.



#### **Diplomacy**

Opens the Diplomacy panel. View details of every nation in the game and review the state of your relations with each of them. Dependencies, alliances and wars are all reviewable from this panel as well.



#### Government

Opens the Government panel. *This is one of the most important panels in the game.* Here you will set research, tax rates, and government policy actions. You can get a summary of diplomatic relations and influence, view your current trade agreements, and get a detailed tally of where you're making and spending money. You can also view military readiness and its associated costs. Other key areas on the Government panel include lists of all of your regions with detailed data and their current stability levels, a list of your colonies and protectorates (if any), and all domestic programs.



#### **Production**

Opens the Production panel. This panel is where you set in motion all the physical projects that effect the game. Build factories in cites and set then to making wealth-producing goods or military equipment. Improve regional transportation and defensive infrastructure. Expand your resource output and increase your food production.



#### Research

Opens the Research panel. Here you can scroll the various research projects. Research is controlled from the national level so only one project at a time can be underway. All projects will be in one of four possible states: complete, underway, available to research or not available. Projects can be set directly from the panel via the (+) Add button in the upper right corner of each project listed.



#### Trade

Opens the Trade panel. This is where you make buy and sell offers on the World Market for resources (coal, metals, oil, and food), Manufactured goods (fuel, steel arms and gas), road, rail and shipping capacity. You can post general requests and offers which any nation can respond to, or seek out specific nations offering or in need of a particular trade item and offer a deal.



## **Encyclopedia**

Open the Encyclopedia panel. Lear details and get data about everything in the game. NOT YET IMPLEMENTED



## Main Menu

Opens the Main Menu. Set scenario options, view nation info, save or exit the game.

#### **Scenario Turn Data**

Located just beneath the control panel icons.



#### **Scenario Date**

This shows the current historical date in the game.

#### **Turn Time / Total turns**

Shows what turn you are currently on and how many turns are in the scenario.

#### **Turn Timer Setting and Displayed Time**

Indicates whether Turn Timer is on or off. When off, the turn time will count upwards until the player ends turn. When timer is on, the timer will being at the maximum preset turn duration and count down, automatically advancing to the next turn when reaching zero.

## **Map Views**



Map Views appear at the lower left of the Control Panel. There are 12 categories of map overlays that display different data on the map. These are (from top left) Standard, Political, Empire, Demographics, Region Revolt Risk, Diplomatic, Region Improvements, Resources, Atlas, Supply, Trade and Points. See the section on Map Overlays for details on each map view. (NOT YET IMPLEMENTED)

## Mini-map



Click anywhere on this map to instantly shift the game map to that location. The red dots on the map indicate a battle in progress.