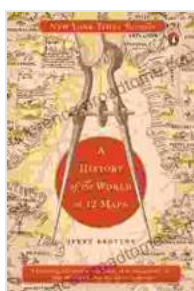


# History of the World in 12 Maps: Uncover the Intricate Tapestry of Time and Space



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History is a vast and intricate tapestry, woven with threads of human endeavor, cultural evolution, and geopolitical shifts. To navigate its labyrinthine complexities, we often turn to maps, which offer a visual representation of our collective past. In his captivating book, "History of the World in 12 Maps," esteemed cartographer Jerry Brotton presents a unique and visually stunning perspective on human history.

Through 12 meticulously crafted maps, Brotton takes us on a captivating journey that spans centuries, continents, and civilizations. From the ancient world of Babylonia and the sprawling Roman Empire to the rise of Islam and the Age of Exploration, each map unfolds a chapter in the human story.

## **1. The World According to the Babylonians (c. 600 BC)**



This map, created by the ancient Babylonians, reflects their belief that the world was a flat disk surrounded by a vast ocean. At the center lay Babylon, the heart of their civilization.

## 2. The World According to the Greeks (c. 500 BC)



The Greeks expanded the Babylonian worldview, placing their own land at the center of the map. This map reveals their growing knowledge of the Mediterranean and the surrounding regions.

### 3. The World According to the Romans (c. 100 AD)



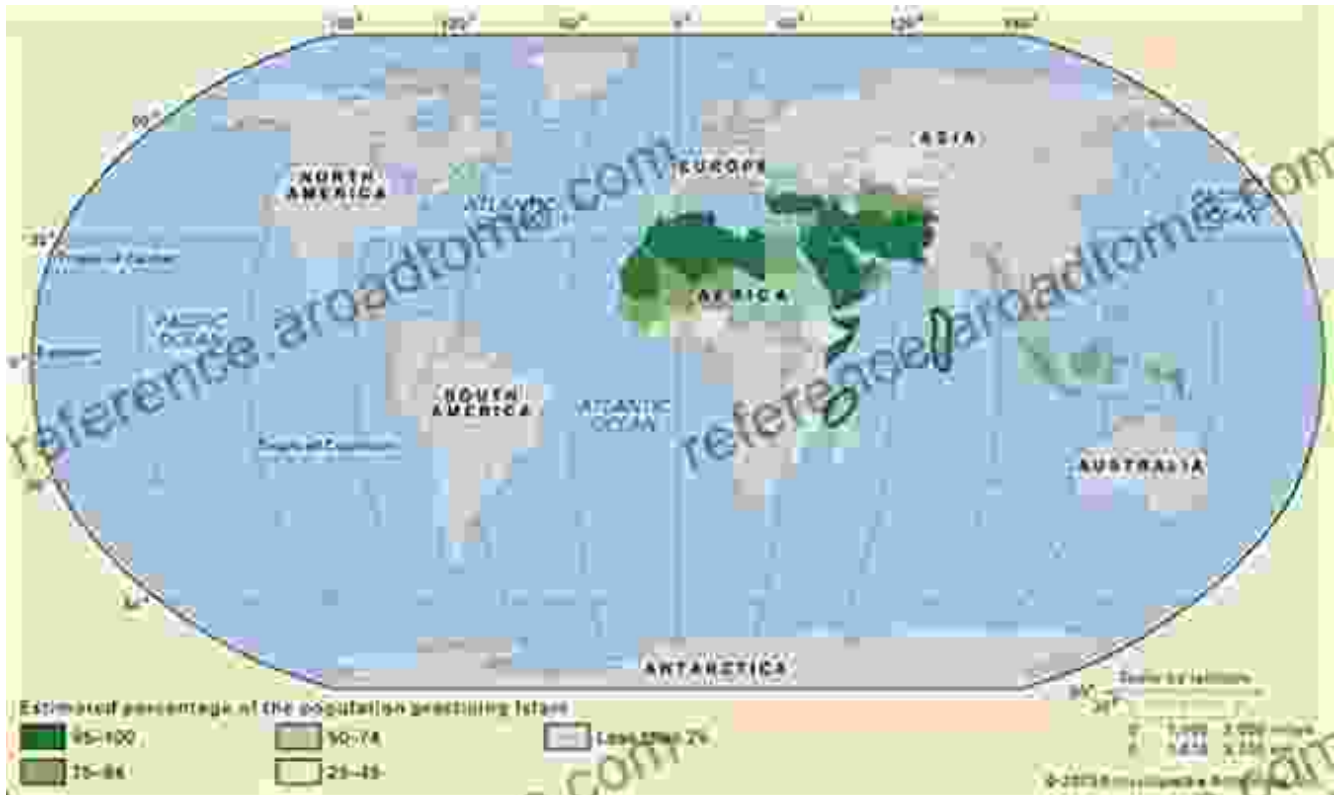
The Roman Empire's vast reach is evident in this map, which depicts their territories stretching from Britain to Egypt. Rome, the imperial capital, occupies a central position.

#### **4. The World According to the Chinese (c. 1000 AD)**



During the Tang Dynasty, Chinese cartographers created maps that reflected their advanced understanding of the world. This map places China at the center, surrounded by neighboring countries.

### **5. The World According to the Islamic World (c. 1200 AD)**



The Islamic world's extensive trade networks and cultural exchanges are captured in this map. Mecca, the holy city of Islam, lies at the center, surrounded by major cities and trade routes.

## 6. The World According to the Portuguese (c. 1500 AD)



The Age of Exploration is vividly depicted in this map, which shows the Portuguese empire's growing reach. Portugal, a pioneer in maritime exploration, is placed at the center.

## 7. The World According to the Dutch (c. 1600 AD)





The Dutch Republic's maritime prowess is showcased in this map, which features detailed depictions of the Americas, Africa, and Asia. The Netherlands occupies a prominent position.

## 8. The World According to the British (c. 1700 AD)

# The World According To Great Britain!



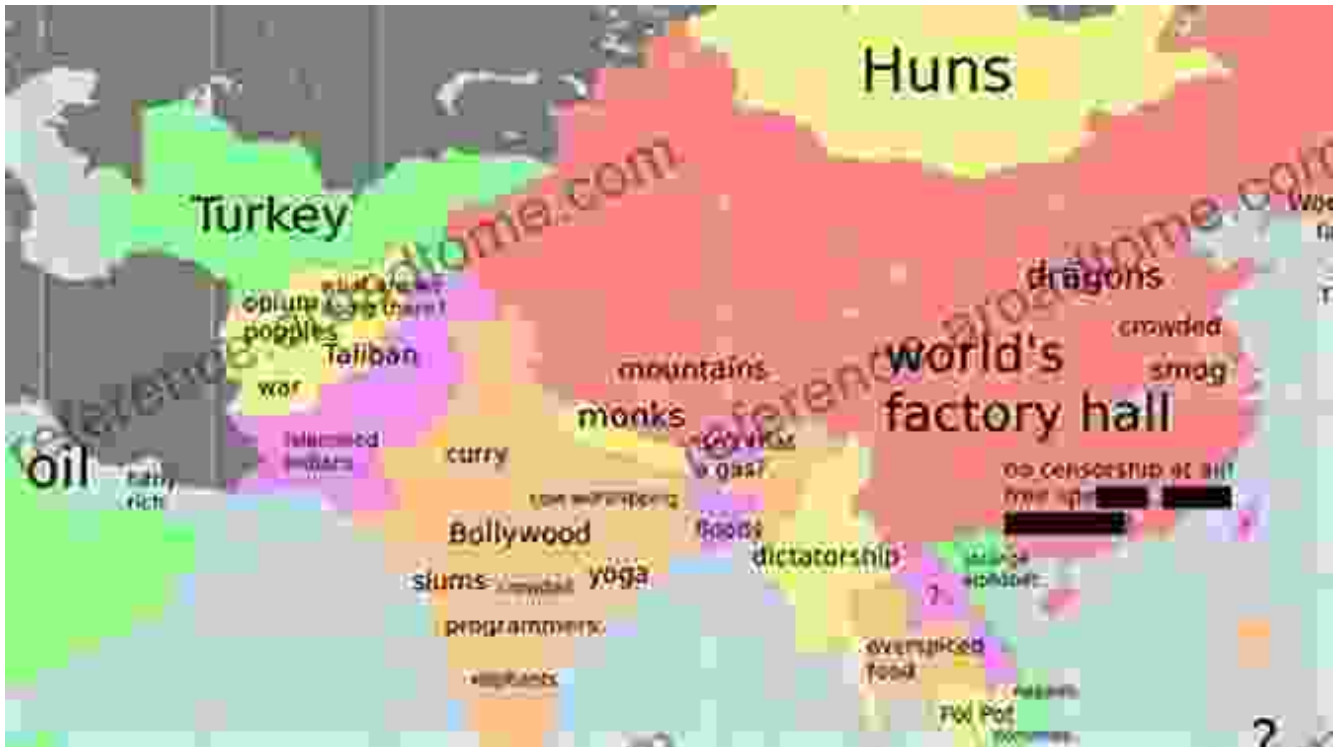
The British Empire's global dominance is evident in this map, which depicts its vast territories extending across the globe. Britain, the imperial power, is positioned at the center.

## 9. The World According to the French (c. 1800 AD)



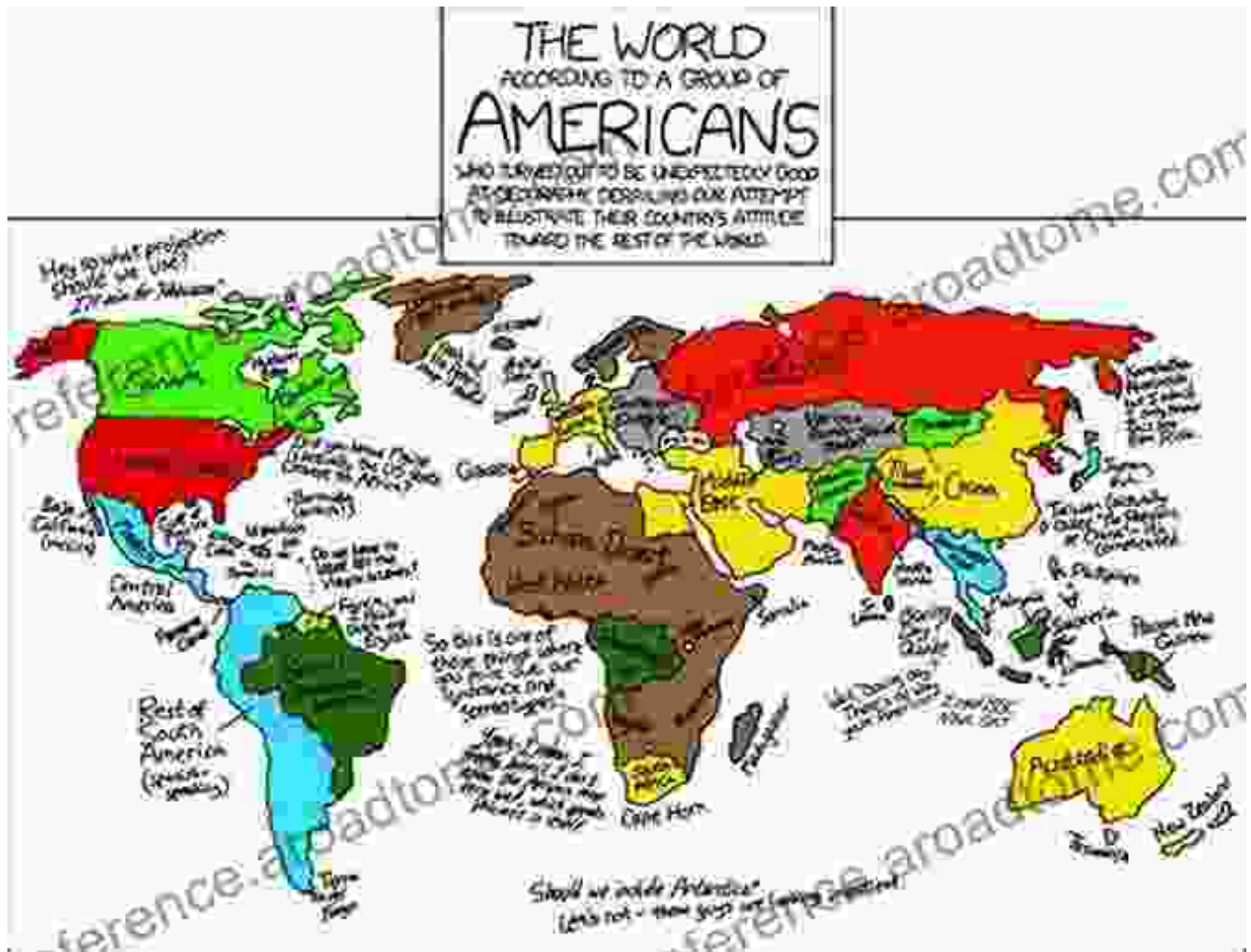
France's imperial ambitions are reflected in this map, which shows its territories in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. France, a major force in European politics, is placed at the center.

## 10. The World According to the Germans (c. 1900 AD)



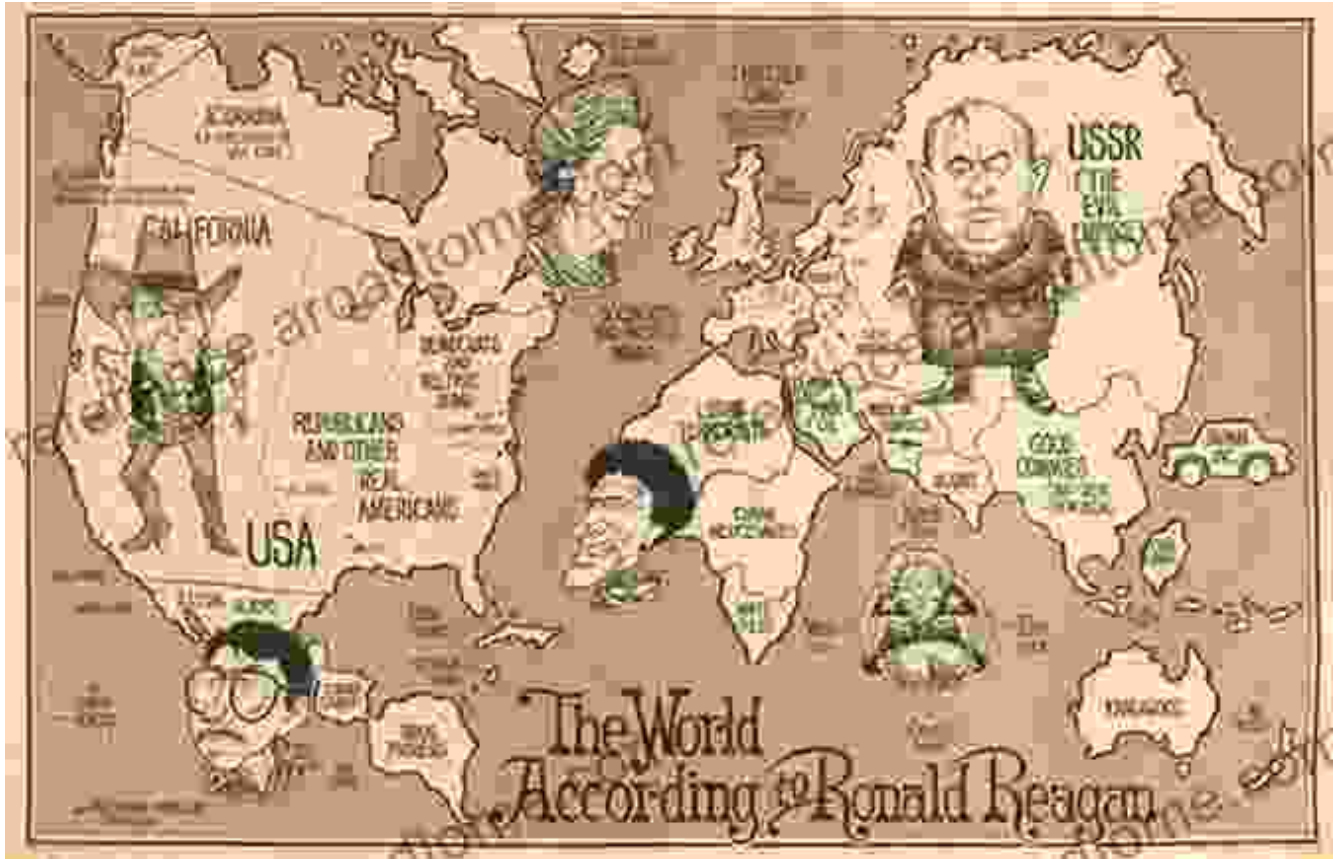
Germany's rise as a global power is captured in this map, which shows its territories in Europe, Africa, and Asia. Germany, a major player in the First World War, is placed at the center.

## 11. The World According to the Americans (c. 1950 AD)



The United States' emergence as a superpower is evident in this map, which depicts its global influence and military presence. The United States, a dominant force in the Cold War, is positioned at the center.

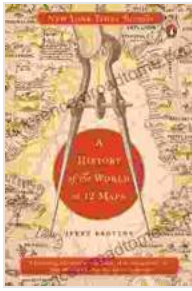
## 12. The World According to the World (c. 2000 AD)



In the 21st century, the world has become increasingly interconnected and globalized. This map, with no clear center, reflects the interconnectedness of nations and the emergence of a global community.

Through these 12 maps, Jerry Brotton invites us to explore the intricate tapestry of human history. Each map provides a unique window into the past, revealing the geopolitical, cultural, and technological shifts that have shaped our world. "History of the World in 12 Maps" is a captivating and visually stunning guide that will engage readers of all ages, inspiring them to learn more about the endlessly fascinating story of humanity.

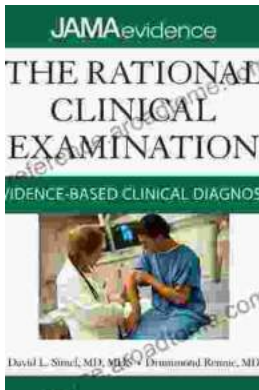
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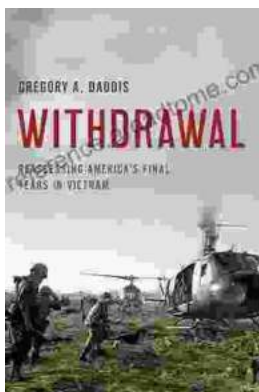
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