# FRANCE



France is a strong, balanced power with good opportunities for growth in the early game, and a solid defensive position if attacked.

Establish a good relationship with either England or Germany. Your relationship with Italy is also important, as you do not want them to decide to attack you—the only real threat to France in the beginning of the game is a three-way attack from all her neighbors.

You can capture Spain and Portugal in 1901, and negotiate to determine who will get Belgium—you don't mind who gets it, particularly, as long as they are your friend. Or you can launch an attack on England immediately, before they gain the force to defend themselves—but make sure Germany is on board if you do this!

### **Discuss with England:**

- Who will capture Belgium
- Relationship with Germany
- Make sure they do not occupy the English Channel in 1901

#### Discuss with Italy:

- Who will capture Belgium
- Relationship with England
- Do they want to expand to Scandinavia, or attack England?

#### **Discuss with Italy:**

- Create a demilitarized zone between you
- Relationship with Austria

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**Neutral Opening:** 

Spring 1901:

Fleet Brest -> Mid Atlantic Ocean

Army Paris -> Picardy

Army Marseilles -> Spain

Fall 1901:

Fleet MAO -> Portugal

Army Picardy -> Belgium\*

Army Spain Hold

\* Or support an ally's movement to Belgium

Neutral Opening: Builds: Army Paris, Fleet Marseilles, (If three) Army or Fleet Brest



**Anti-English Opening:** 

Spring 1901:

Fleet Brest -> English Channel

Army Paris -> Picardy

Army Marseilles -> Spain

Fall 1901:

Fleet English Channel convoy Army Picardy ->

London

Army Picardy -> London

Army Spain -> Portugal

Anti-English Opening: Builds: Fleet Brest, (if two builds) Army Paris



**Aggressive Opening:** 

Spring 1901:

Fleet Brest -> English Channel

Army Paris -> Burgundy

Army Marseilles Support Army Paris -> Burgundy

Fall 1901:

Fleet English Channel Support Army Burgundy ->

Belgium

Army Burgundy -> Belgium

Army Marseilles -> Spain

**Aggressive Opening: Builds:** 

Army Paris, (and if two builds) Fleet Brest or Army Marseilles

PRIORITIES				
1901	Capture Spain and/or Portugal	Get an Ally	Influence Belgium	Build a new Fleet and a new Army
1902	Determine next objective	Advance force to- wards target	Talk to players in other theaters	

#### Information to Learn:

Will Italy attack you?

Will Turkey attack Russia?

Who will Austria work with?

Will Russia fight for Scandinavia?

#### If you are attacked:

Defend your home supply centers

Try to talk one of your opponents into changing sides—make them a better offer!

Make sure only one person attacking you profits