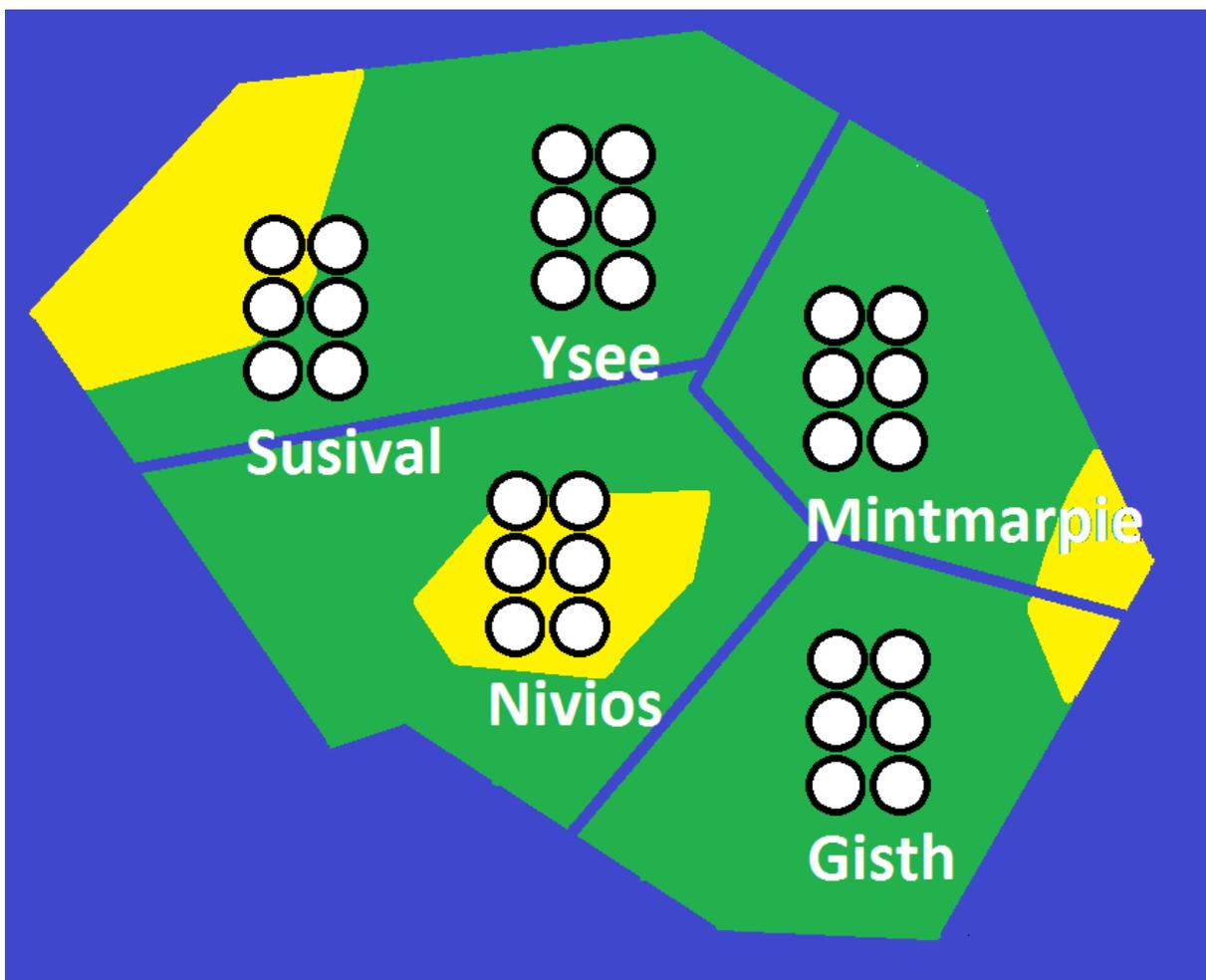


## Chapter 6: The Great Nation Allibre

### Section A Introduction to Allibre

As we all know Allibre was once a great nation. It consisted of five districts (source 1). The people that lived in Allibre called themselves Sudofresht. They were hard workers and did not back down from change. They were very creative and used most of their free time creating short poems and anagrams. The most defining characteristic of the inhabitants of Allibre was the fact they were very short-tempered. The Sudofresht would argue about almost everything and these arguments often escalated into fierce fights. Historians argue that this trait is what made them go extinct eventually.



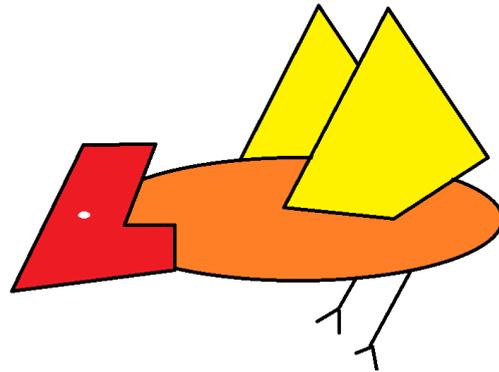
*Source 1. A map of Allibre (pre-war). Every district consisted of six identical areas.*

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### Section B Allibrian Wildlife

#### Drichewenick

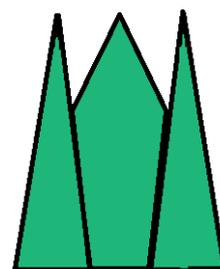
Back in the day in Allibre, there was not as much wildlife as we have now. The only animal note-worthy is the Drichewenick. The Drichewenick started out quite innocent. They were shy and scared of heights. With the years, however, the Drichewenick grew more accustomed to the Sudofresht and started running rampages in the districts. We will come back to this topic in *Section C: The War*.



*Source 2. A drawing of a Drichewenick found on an excavation site. It is thought to be drawn by a young child.*

#### Sleegrant

Allibrian grounds had an abundance of a mineral called Sleegrant. This mineral looks quite a lot like salt crystals but is green. The mineral appeared mostly deep below the surface and thus went unnoticed for a long period. The chemical structure of Sleegrant seemed to react with Drichewenick. When an Drichewenick comes into contact with Sleegrant it loses its appetite and stops eating, effectively killing it. What exactly triggers the appetite loss has boggled researchers for years and remains unclear.



*Source 3. A schematic drawing of a chunk of Sleegrant.*

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### Section C The War

The districts all lived in harmony until the nation was confronted with the arrival of a newly found species: Drichewenicks. Not much is known about the exact events that led to the departure of the Drichewenicks from their natural residence. The amount of Drichewenicks in Allibre got out of hand. The creature became a real annoyance to the citizens of Allibre and plans to get rid of them were discussed. After a while, two approaches surfaced which both were thought to solve the problem. The first approach was to lower the ground level of every area in every district. This way the mineral Sleegrant would show up at ground level. This would expose the Drichewenicks to the mineral so they would die quickly and effectively. The other approach was to build large hills to live on. Since the Drichewenicks are afraid of heights this would keep them away from the Sudofresht without killing them. The Sudofresht could not agree on the best approach and the dispute eventually escalated into a war. The group which sided with lowering the ground level called itself Vylela. The opposing group, the group which wanted to create large hills, called itself Manontui. Within a short time, every area was controlled by either Vylela or Manontui. The war ended after 4 years of fighting. Not because the parties made peace, but because the surface of Allibre had become very unstable and the nation was confronted with waves of earthquakes which are believed to have killed their entire species. *Section D: Writings* shows diary entries, war reports and poems from just before the end of the war.



*Source 4. Logos of Vylela (left) and Manontui (right)*

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### Section D Writings

This section contains writings found about the Allibrian war. These include diary entries, poems as well as war reports written by the war chiefs of Vylela and Manontui. These writings were written just before the war ended.

Dear diary, today the whole of Ysee was shaking. The digging and hill construction are making everything unstable. I am scared. Will this war ever end? Our great district has been divided into two long rectangles of land for over a month now. One side belongs to us, vylela, and the other side is taken by Manontui. The Drichewenicks are gone but didn't we create a bigger problem by dividing ourselves into two groups? We are killing each other off and for what? How will this end?

*Source 5. A diary entry of a young girl in Ysee during the Allibrian war.*

**Something truly inspiring**

When looking at Susival  
And when looking at Gisth  
It is easy to see that their layouts are different  
And it is easy to think that a shared trait does not exist

In a time like this, with weapons firing  
In which war and death are common things  
Having things in common is  
Something truly inspiring

So, when looking at Susival  
And when looking at Gisth  
Just disregard the souths, they are different  
Then it is easy to see the equality of the rest that exists

*Source 6. A poem written by a Sudofresht*

**Fire and lightning**

In the most southern parts of the districts  
Sudofresht are no longer in conflict  
They belong to the same team  
And they follow the same scheme  
It is over with fire and lightning  
Except for one district, where forces are still fighting

*Source 7. A short poem written by a Sudofresht*



## War report TYS-12

This month brings us mixed feelings. Our main goal of controlling every north-western area of the districts has succeeded, but we lost quite a bit of soldiers in the districts due to an unexpected outbreak of Drichewenicks during construction. We've had reports from our spies in Vylela territory that Drichewenicks have almost died out in the pits. While their method appears to be more effective, they are contributing to an uncalculated shift in the ecosystem which may become problematic and therefore should be stopped as soon as possible.

*Source 8. A war report written by a war chief of Manontui*



## War report SKDL-152-70

### Division G Capture assessment - Mintmarpie

The last couple of weeks we've had the time to restore our structures and rebuild our forces. Most of the Drichewenicks are said to have died by now so we don't expect sudden outbreaks. This month, we will focus on one of the areas in control by Manontui. Since it is isolated from its fellow areas it should pose no problem to conquer. Division C already started planning a surprise attack by digging a tunnel and Division F has

infiltrated the district to provide eyes from within. You will go by land. Keep in mind that the oxygen levels tend to differ a lot when travelling uphill.

*Source 9. A war report written by a war chief of Vylela*



### War report PWRR-143-09

#### Periodic evaluation — Nivos

While the situation is not identical, the clear geographical division of areas controlled by us and by Manontui is causing the situation in Nivos to feel like the same standoff we are having in Ysee. Our plans have changed. Instead of trying to take over one of Manontuis areas we will wait. We know Manontui is getting impatient because of the outbreaks of Drichewenicks in their areas. At one point, they will try to conquer one of our districts and that is when we will strike. Haste equals making mistakes.

*Source 10. A war report written by a war chief of Vylela*

Yo diary wazzup. This war sure is a slow one. Because both teams are fucking stubborn and believe their methods are superior, construction of hills and valleys begin immediately upon capturing a district. Wouldn't it be way smarter to first capture every area and stopping the other team instead of this slow-paced shit? After all this time a majority of the districts is still split evenly between Manontuí and us. Manontuí is wasting time and resources trying to save themselves while also wanting to save the Dríchewenicks but for what? Do they truly believe extermination of those chickens will lead to a change in the ecosystem? Or are those looneys planning something else?

*Source 11. A diary entry of a bright foul-mouthed young boy*

**The Middle East**

Manontui and Vylela, we are fighting like machines

We are drowning each other in war

Controlling an equal number of areas, it seems

Our wounds are getting soar

Do we prevail in the southern parts of the districts

Was a question I kept asking myself

Apparently, we do not, to keep it simplistic

We share them evenly as well

To me, the situation looks hopeless

The Drichewenicks die and our soldiers bleed

It is only when I look at the middle east areas that I notice

This is where Manontui has the lead

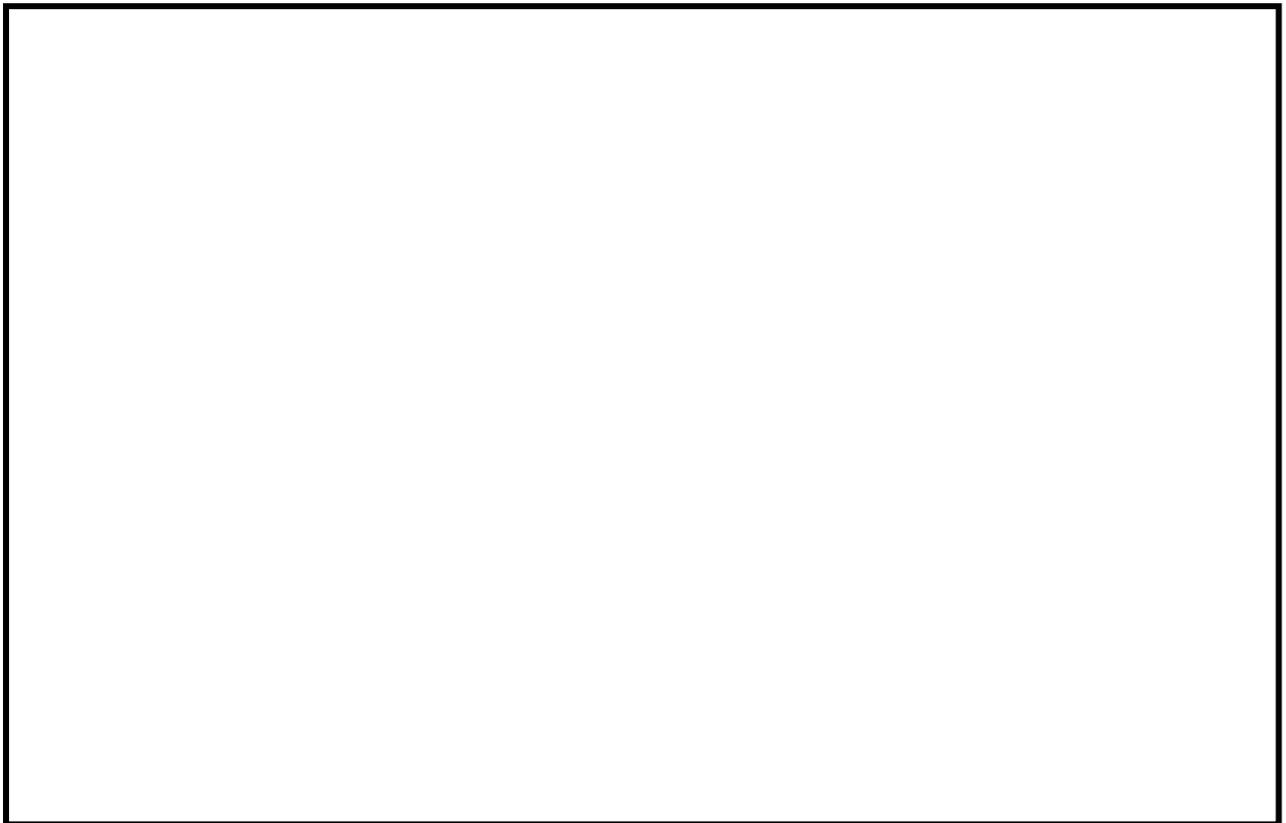
*Source 12. A poem written by a Sudofresht siding with Manontui*

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### Section D Exercises

#### Exercise A

Draw a schematic map of Allibre. Note down at least all districts and their corresponding areas. (Tip: A map is shown in source 1 on page 124)



During the Allibrian war hills and valleys were constructed at an amazing rate and the landscape changed constantly.

#### Exercise B

On the map you've just drawn, mark down which areas were controlled by Manontui and which areas were controlled by Vylela. Keep in mind the difference between districts and areas. Colour the areas controlled by Manontui black and leave the areas controlled by Vylela blank.