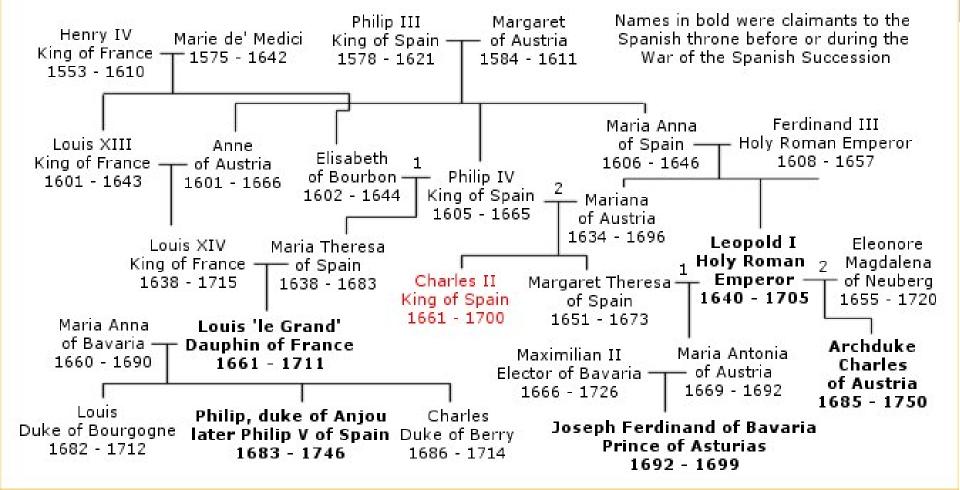
Wars of the 18th Century

Major Conflicts

- 1. War of Spanish Succession (1701-1714)
- Ends with the Treaty of Utrecht
- 2. War of Austrian Succession (1740-1748)
 Ends with the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle
- 3. Seven Years War (1756-1763)
 - Ends with the Treaty of Paris

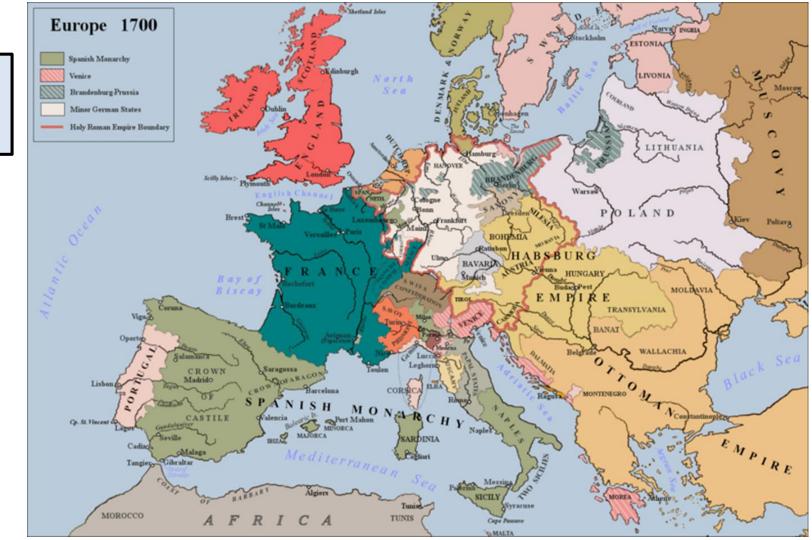
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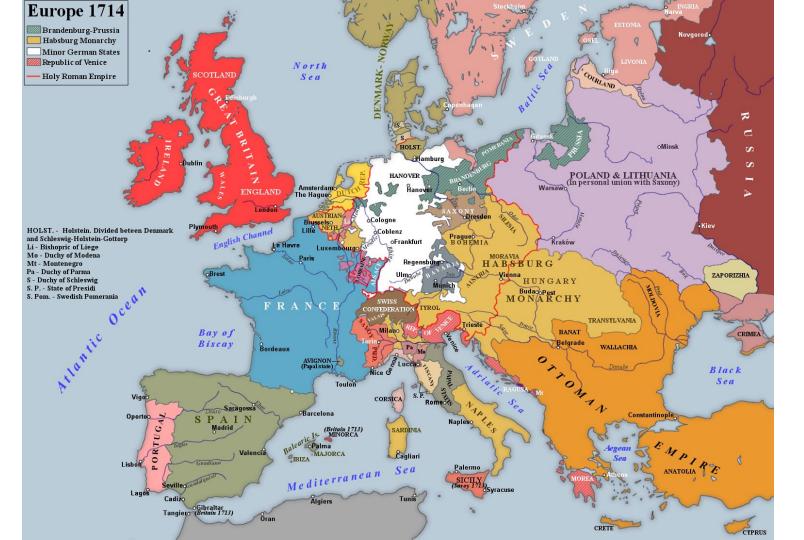
- Began when Charles II of Spain died without an heir
- Two claimants to the throne
 - One from the French Bourbon Dynasty (Philip V)
- One from the Austrian Hapsburg Dynasty
 Eventually brings in other major European power
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- Costly and bloody war that devastates French economy and population, but French fight everyone to stalemate

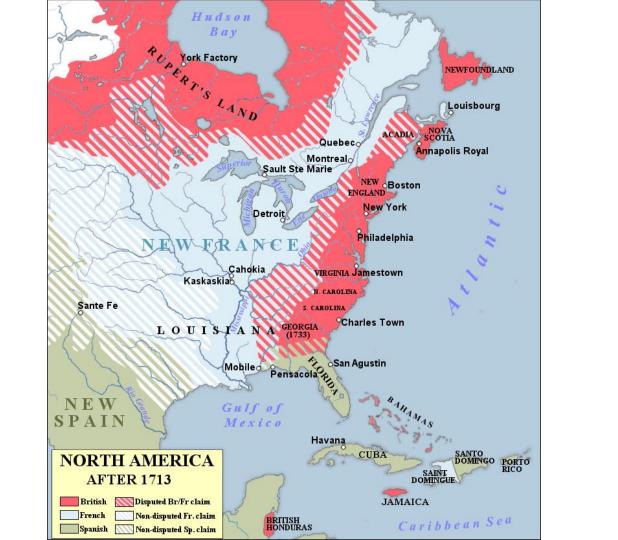
Pre-War Europe



Treaty of Utrecht

- War finally brought to an end under the following terms:
 - Bourbon Philip V remains King of Spain, but France and Spain prohibited from uniting
 - France does not gain any additional territory
 - England gets Gibraltar, France gives up claims to
 Newfoundland and other parts of British North America, and
 the assiento (right to trade slaves with Spanish colonies)
 - Austria takes a number of previously Spanish Hapsburg holdings (Netherlands, Naples etc.)





The War of Austrian Succession

- The Austrian Hapsburg leader, and Holy Roman Emperor, Charles VI had no male heirs
- Spent later years of his reign securing the **PRAGMATIC SANCTION** from neighboring nations and various states within the HRE to allow his daughter (Maria Theresa) to take over the throne
- Charles VI died in 1740 believing his deal to be secure

The War and Fredrick the Great

- Frederick II (the Great) ascended to the throne of Prussia also in 1740
- Within months of Charles VI of Austria dying he invades the Hapsburg territory of Silesia breaking the Pragmatic Sanction
- The war is on...



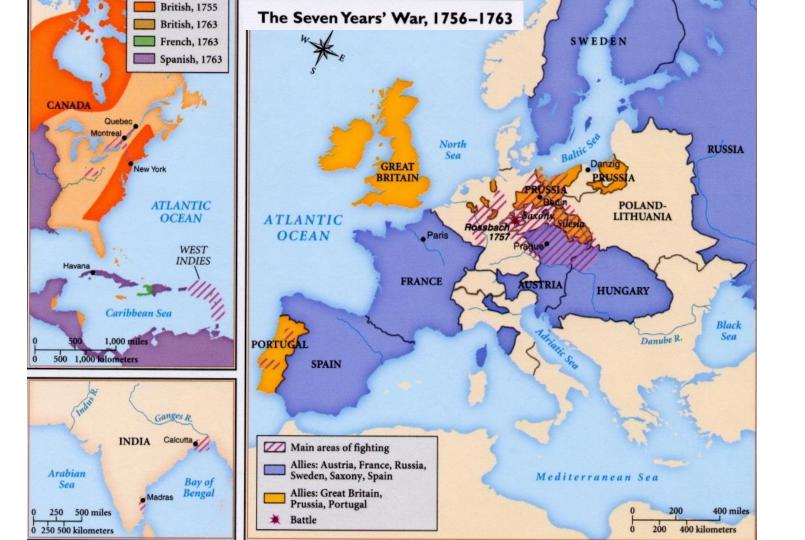
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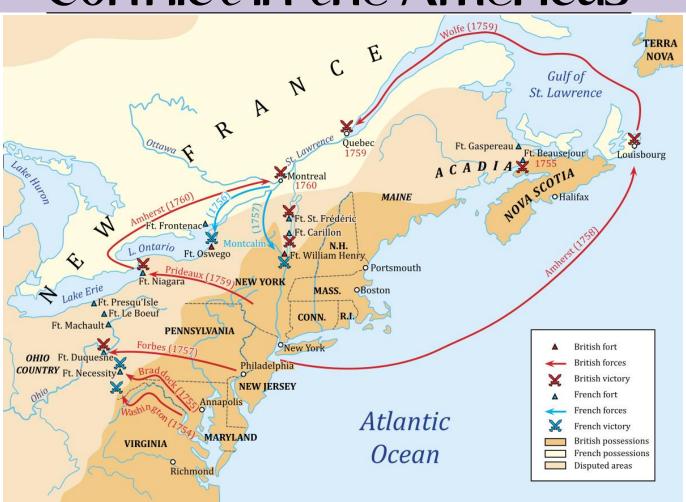
- 1st truly global war could be viewed as a continuation of the War of Austrian Succession
- Took place in Europe, North America, the Caribbean, India and off of Africa
- Ended in 1763 with the Peace of Paris
- -French territory lost across the globe, but they maintained some North American and Caribbean regions

The Diplomatic Revolution of 1756

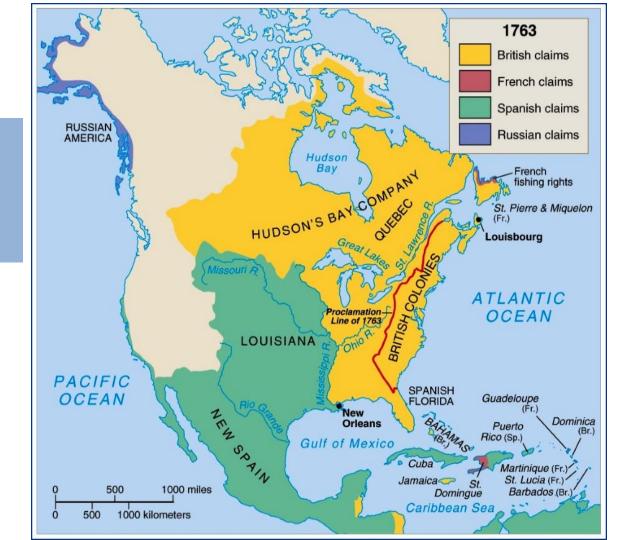
- Major change in European Alliances—
 - FRANCE joins AUSTRIA! Both see a growing threat in the form of a stronger Prussia
 - England joins rival Prussia
 - Russia also declares war on Prussia (until a new Tsar Peter III takes over in 1762, who likes Prussia...but he dies within a year...but Russia stays out of the war)



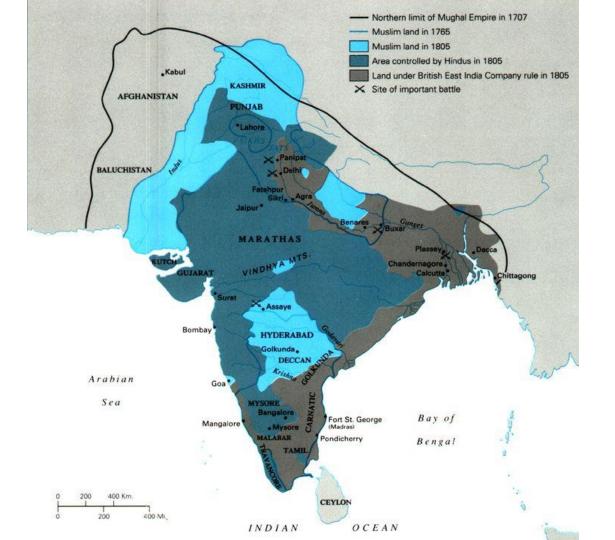
Conflict in the Americas



The Americas end of the Seven Years War



India in 1805



The Treaty of Paris 1763

- Most of the territory taken by all parties was returned to its original owner BUT, England did keep considerable territory in North America
- Spain now was the owner of the Louisiana territory
 All participants were broke, suffered from serious casualties and were ready for peace (at least for a

• The war cemented England's rise to power and placed them atop the global pyramid

little while)

Crash Course on 7 Years War

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0qbzNHmfW0

(if you are into that kind of thing...)



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