

Mid- 18th Century Wars

- ◎ The War of Jenkins' Ear 1739
- ◎ War of Austrian Succession 1740-1748
- ◎ Seven Years War 1756-1763

War of Jenkin's Ear

- ◎ Spain had been bullying the British traders.
- ◎ They boarded British ships, looked for contraband, took items.



- ◎ Robert Jenkins had his ear cut off.
- ◎ 1738, Jenkins went before Parliament and persuaded Robert Walpole to act.
- ◎ War lasted several months in 1739.



War of Austrian Succession

◎ 1740-1748, started when Frederick II invaded Silesia, ignoring the Pragmatic Sanction.



- France supported Prussia against Austria.
- Britain brought into the war with an alliance to Austria.
- France supports Spain vs. Britain in the New World.



◎ 1748 Treaty of Aix-La Chapelle: Stalemate



Tensions Increase

- George II of England feared France may attack at any given moment.



◎ Britain and Prussia sign a defense alliance at the Convention of Westminster.



- **Frederick II of Prussia feared France would ally itself w/ Russia and Austria.**



● France and Austria form a defensive alliance.



The Seven Years War 1756-1763



Spark

- Frederick II invades Saxony.
- This angers the French and Austria, and they create a new alliance dedicated to the destruction of Prussia.
- Sweden and Russia also join in slaughter.



Prussia survives, but how?

- ◎ Britain aided the Prussians.
- ◎ Russian tsar Peter III breaks the treaty w/ France & Austria and backs out.



Treaty of Hubertusburg

- Ended the European conflict in the Seven Years War.
- Silesia remained part of Prussia.



France is doomed.

- ◎ William Pitt- architect of British victories in the New World.
- ◎ Gave \$ to Prussia to divide French forces.
- ◎ France couldn't supply troops.
- ◎ James Wolfe defeated Louis Montcalm In Quebec City.
- ◎ France's dominance in North America gone. ☹️

Prewar Boundaries 1754



Postwar Boundaries 1763



The American Revolution and Europe

- Read pages 536-541.
- Create 10 essay-style questions about the reading.
- Write a short summary on the broader impact of the American Revolution.