### 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.
- O Britain brought into the war with an alliance to Austria.
- France supports Spain vs. Britain in the New World.



#### • 1748 <u>Treaty of Aix-La Chapelle</u>: Stalemate

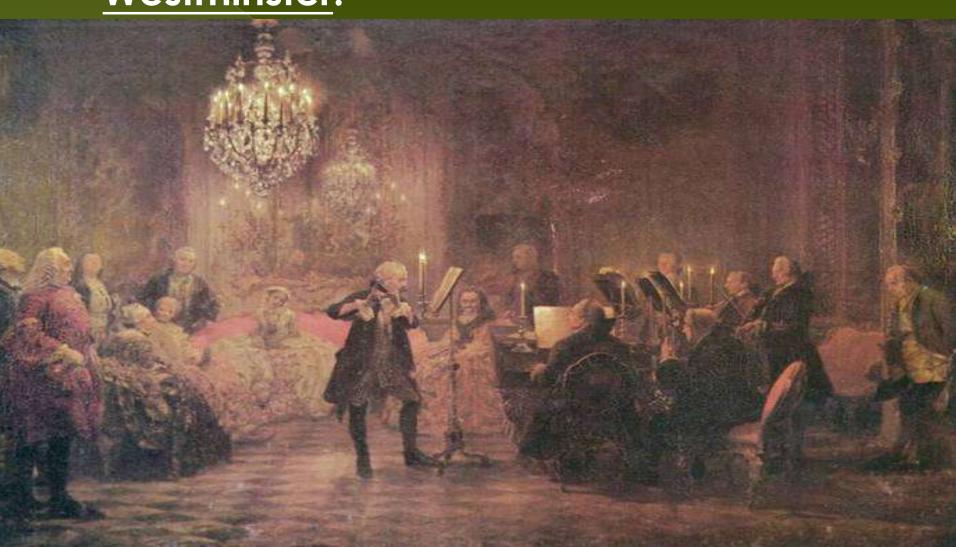


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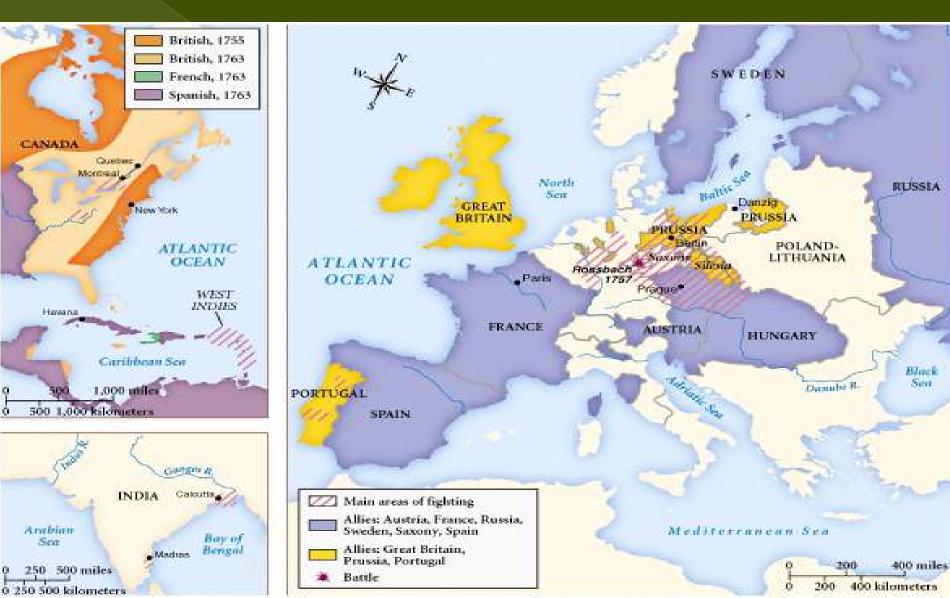
George II of England feared France may attack at any given moment.



• 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

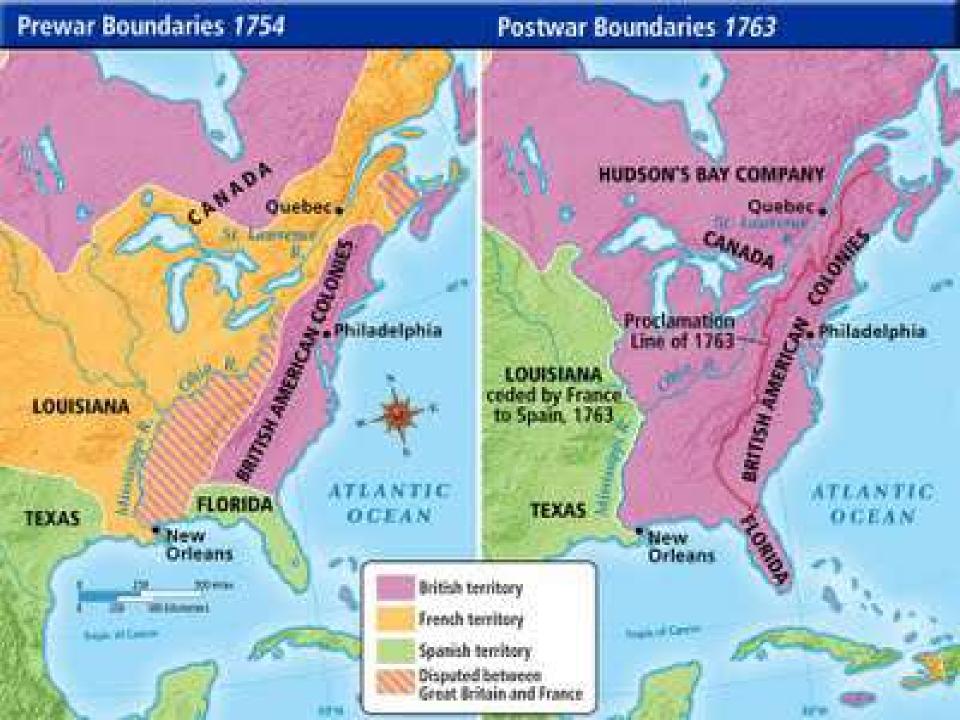
• Ended the European conflict in the Seven Years War.

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. <a>⊗</a>



# 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.