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French and Indian War

The French and Indian War was a major war fought in the American Colonies between 1754 and 1763. The British won significant territory in North America as a result of the war.

The French meet with Indian leaders

Who fought in the French and Indian War?

From the name of the war, you would probably guess that the French fought the American Indians during the French and Indian War. Actually, the main enemies in the war were the French and the British. American Indians groups fought on both sides. However, the French had a better relationship with the American Indians. The French treated the American Indians with respect and as trading partners. The British took away and settled on the land of the American Indians.

Where was it fought?
The war was fought mostly in the northeast part of North America along the border between the 13 Colonies and the French Colonies of New France.

Leading up to the War
As the American colonists began to settle more towards the west, they came into conflict with the French. The first real conflict began when the French moved into the Ohio area and built Fort Duquesne on the Ohio River (where the city of Pittsburgh is today). The French were also upset when the English moved into their territory to trade with the American Indians.

During the war, the French were greatly outnumbered by the British and had to rely heavily on American Indian soldiers as allies.

End of the War and Results

The French lost the war and Great Britain gained much of the French territory in North America.

Consequences

The French and Indian War had some major consequences on the future of the 13 colonies in America.

The war was expensive for the British government to fight. In order to pay for it, they issued taxes on the colonies. The British government considered the taxes fair because the war was fought to protect the colonies. The colonies, however, felt that they should not be taxed unless they had representation, or say in the British government.

Also, this war was the first time that the colonies united together to fight a common enemy.

Quiz

1) Who was the main enemy of the French during the French and Indian War?
        A. Spanish
        B. United States
        C. Netherlands
        D. British
        E. None of the above

2) Which of the following was a result of the French and Indian War?
    A. It united the 13 colonies together to fight a common enemy.
    B. The French lost their North American territory
    C. The British raised taxes
    D. All of the above
    E. None of the above

3) Who won the war?
    A. French
    B. British
    C. Indians

4) Who were the main allies of the French?
    A. British
    B. American settlers
    C. Native American tribes
    D. Germany
    E. Mexico