The First World War?

The French and Indian War
Targets
Preview

- War of Austrian Succession Ends (1748) → Upsets BOP in Europe → UK/Prussia vs. FRA/ESP

Maria Theresa

George II

Frederick II
Causes

• French settled on lands claimed by Virginia & built forts connecting Lake Erie with the Ohio River

• George Washington sent by VA Gov. Dinwiddie to tell French the land was British territory → ignored

• Washington builds Fort Necessity, 50mi south of Fort Duquesne (Pittsburgh) →

• Encroachment by the French into Ohio Co. lands in Ohio Valley & arm NAmS.
WAR!

• Washington loses to French & NAm at Ft. Necessity

• **Albany Congress** (1754) – *Franklin* suggests that the British colonies and the Iroquois Confed. join forces → rejected, but British colonies begin to unite

• **Gen. Braddock** ambushed by French at Ft. Duquesne (1755) using guerrilla tactics → dies

• **Gov. Shirley** of MA named comm-in-chief → unable to org. colonies, match French firepower
Guerrilla Warfare
• British deport French Acadians (Nova Scotia) to other parts of colony
• Lord Loudoun unable to take Louisbourg and...
• French capture Fts. Oswego and William Henry
• Wm. Pitt takes over British army (1757) engages more support in Britain
• Gen. Amherst leads British to capture Louisbourg → cuts off French supplies (1758)

• British capture Ft. Frontenac (French cut off from Mississippi Valley) → French abandon Ft. Duquesne (→ Ft. Pitt)

• Gen. Wolfe attacks Quebec from North; Amherst from South → defeat French handily

• British win string of victories in America and worldwide
Results

- **Peace of Paris** (1763) – Britain receives all of the land east of the Mississippi, except New Orleans.
- Spain, allied with France, forced to give up Florida; France gives Spain **New Orleans** and territory west of the Mississippi; England gives **Philippines** and **Cuba** back to Spain.