Topic 7.5 Unresolved Tensions After World War I

Thematic Focus - Governance (GOV)

A variety of internal and external factors contribute to state formation, expansion, and decline. Governments maintain order through a variety of administrative institutions, policies, and procedures, and governments obtain, retain, and exercise power in different ways and for different purposes.

Learning Objective

Explain the continuities and changes in territorial holdings from 1900 to the present.

Historical Developments

Between the two world wars, Western and Japanese imperial states predominantly maintained control over colonial holdings; in some cases, they gained additional territories through conquest or treaty settlement and in other cases faced anti-imperial resistance.

Territorial gains:

- Transfer of former German colonies to Great Britain and France under the system of <u>League of Nations mandates</u>
- Manchukuo/Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere

Anti-imperial resistance:

- Indian National Congress
- West African resistance (strikes/congresses) to French rule