

The Transatlantic Economy, Trade Wars, and Colonial Rebellion

Chapter 8 Reading Guide

Focus Questions

8.1 Periods of European Overseas Empires

How did European contact with the rest of the world evolve in the centuries since the Renaissance?

8.2 Mercantile Empires

What were the characteristics of European mercantile empires?

8.3 The Spanish Colonial System

How did Spanish colonial organization reflect its imperial goals?

8.4 Black African Slavery, the Plantation System, and the Atlantic Economy

What were the origins of slavery in the Americas?

8.5 Mid-Eighteenth-Century Wars

Why did mid-eighteenth-century European wars often involve both continental and global conflicts?

8.6 The American Revolution and Europe

What were the causes of the American Revolution?

Short Answer

A fundamental element in the first two periods of European imperial ventures in the Americas was the presence of _____.

Nineteenth-century European empires were based on formally _____ labor forces, though they still involved much harsh treatment of nonwhite indigenous populations.

By the end of the seventeenth century, Spain, the Netherlands, and _____ ruled all of South America.

Although Spain officially exerted tight control over its trade in its American Empire, actual colonial government was often _____.

The Spanish monarchy assigned the government of America to the _____.

The _____ system was meant to maintain Spain's monopoly on trade.

To increase the efficiency of tax collection and to end bureaucratic corruption, Charles III introduced the institution of the _____ to the Spanish Empire.

A _____ is a person of European descent born in the Spanish colonies.

Newly arrived Africans were subjected to a process known as _____, during which they were prepared for the laborious discipline of slavery and made to understand that they were no longer free.

During the Seven Years' War, Prussia had fundamentally undermined the integrity of _____.

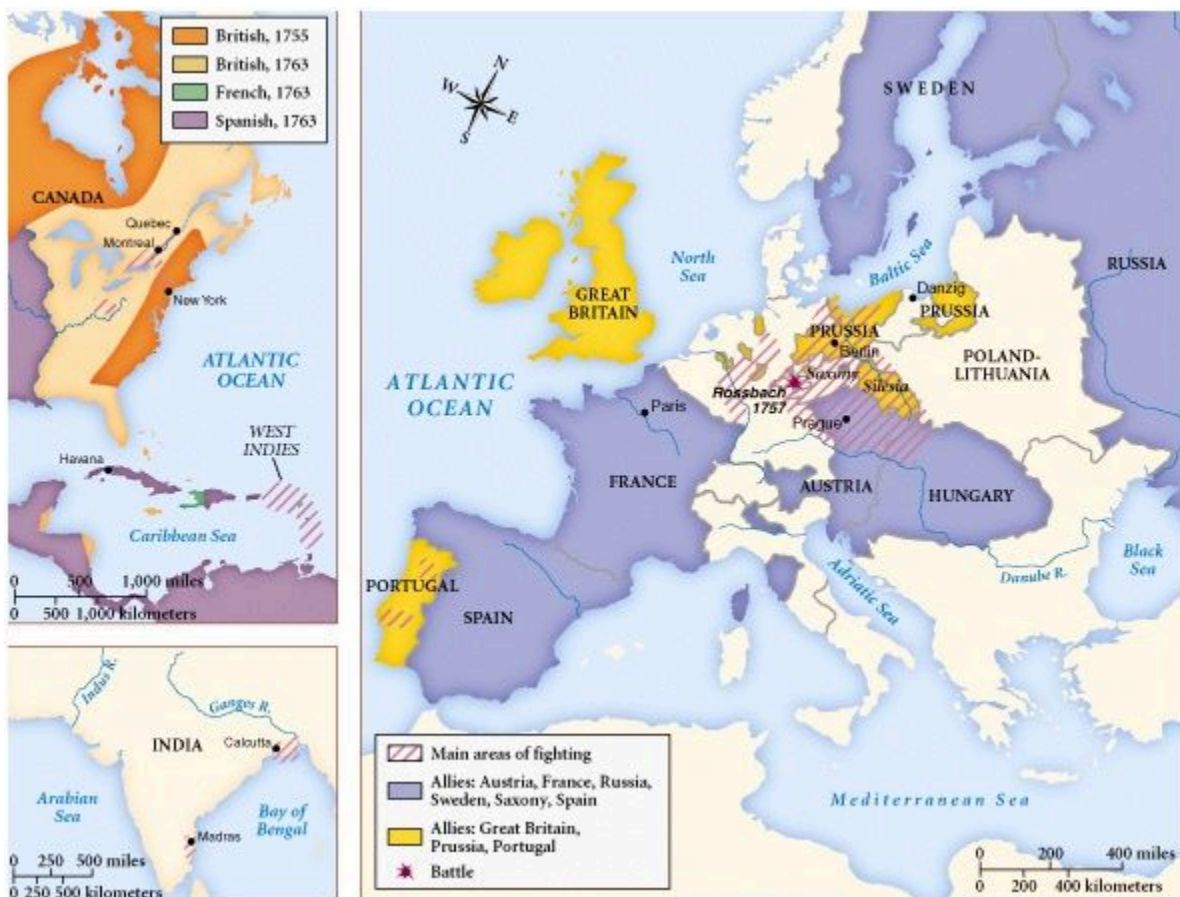
In 1766, Parliament repealed the Stamp Act but through the _____ Act insisted it had the power to legislate for the colonies.

Great Britain lost control of the American colonies in the 1783 _____.

John Wilkes printed his ideas in a newspaper called _____.

The _____ Movement was a popular attempt to establish an extralegal institution to reform the government in Great Britain.

In April 1780, _____ called for the lessening of royal power.



Seven Years' War (1756 - 1763)