

THE RISE OF PRUSSIA

BACKGROUND/SETTING

- HRE after 1648
- 300 autonomous and sovereign Germanys
- population 20 million to 13 million to 20 million
- Voltaire said:

BRANDENBURG-PRUSSIA

- elector: after 1415 Hohenzollern family
- Brandenburg lands:
- Berlin
- 1618 Duchy of east Prussia & Pomerania
- 1718 dominates south Baltic Sea lands

FREDERICK I

- 1657-1713
- first king "in" Prussia from 1710
- how he gained title of King "in" Prussia:

FREDERICK WILLIAM II

- 1712-1786, king in 1740
- background:
- enlightened despot/reforms:
- first servant of the state:
- national code of law
- torture
- Junkers and serfs:
- Religion
- moved into Silesia, results:
- military genius during Seven Years War from 1756-1763
 - "the Great"
- Partition of Poland 1772
- Furstenbund
- Prussia as a World Power

FREDERICK WILLIAM THE GREAT ELECTOR

- 1620-1688
- Great Elector
- vulnerable lands led to emphasis on military
- strong military=balance of power player
- foundation for absolutism:
 - diplomacy not war
- Junkers:
- Taxes:

FREDERICK WILLIAM I

- 1688-1740
- The Soldier King
- King from 1713
- Army:
- Military:
- 4th largest army
- New industries
- love of army:
- discipline/techniques
- Junkers:
- Potsdam Giants
- "Army that possesses a state"
- Economy