



Liberalism

Pre-Class Discussion

- Take a minute and brainstorm the following question:
“If you could design a government however you wanted, how would it be organized and why?”

Problems facing the old empires

Liberalism – Government structure in favor of placing power in the hands of the people



The English Civil War

- Monarchists versus Republicans
 - Republicans upset over absolute rule of King Charles I
- Executed Charles I
 - Established Republic
 - Gave other countries the idea



The Glorious Revolution 1688

- James II takes throne
 - Catholic in control of a protestant nation
- Parliament did not like him
 - Offered crown to William and Mary of the Netherlands
 - Parliament becomes supreme power
 - William gives up most power to Parliament



The Enlightenment

- The Enlightenment was a time of new thought regarding society, economics and government in Europe.
 - Centered in France
 - Spread to Americas
 - Eventually all over



Main ideas of the Enlightenment

- Most philosophers protested against Absolutism
 - Censorship
 - Hereditary rule
- Instead they pushed for citizen involvement
 - Limits on Kings
 - Constitutions
 - Ability to vote
 - Personal Rights





Thinkers of the Enlightenment Activity...

Major Revolutions because of Liberalism

- American Revolution – 1776
 - United States Independence
- French Revolution -1789
 - King Louis XVI executed
- South American Wars of Independence – Early 1800s
 - Latin American Independence
- 1820
 - Naples, Spain, Portugal, Ottomans, Italy, Russia all experience revolutions
- 1830
 - Greek and Belgian Independence
- 1848
 - German and Italian Nationalism born



The Three Sick Old Men of Europe

The Ottoman, Russians, and Austrians



The Ottoman Empire: Cut Apart while still Alive

The Division of the Ottoman Empire

- Russia wanting North East
- Hapsburgs wanting Northwest
- British and French wanted Middle East and North Africa
- Nationalists all wanting Independence
 - Greeks in 1820s
 - Balkans in early 1900s



A detailed historical painting depicting a grand assembly or council in a richly decorated room. The scene is filled with numerous figures in 18th-century attire, seated in rows. The room features ornate wall decorations, including framed portraits and intricate architectural details. The overall atmosphere is one of formal elegance and historical significance.

The Hapsburg Empire: The Empire That Outlived It's Uses

Problems Facing Hapsburgs

- Outdated
 - Need to Industrialize
 - Primary job was to protect Europe from Ottomans
 - Ottomans not much of a threat by 19th century
- Nationalism
 - Multinational State
 - Empire still ruled by Austrians
 - Less than %25 of population

Reforms of The Hapsburgs

- Francis Joseph
 - Granted a Constitution
- Creation of a Dual Monarchy
 - Creation of Austria-Hungary
 - Each had own parliament but same king





Russia: The Crumbling Giant

Major Problems Facing Russia

- Absolute Monarchy
 - Threatened by new ideas of Liberalism and socialism
- Ethnically Diverse
- Mostly Feudal Agrarian Economy
 - Western Europe Industrializing
 - Most of Russia's population are Serfs



Rule of Nicholas II

- Began process of Industrialization
- Humiliating Loss in Russo-Japanese War
- Russian's calls for Liberalism
 - Bloody Sunday – Jan 22, 1905
 - Peter Stolypin

