

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

V.



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.



Washington and Ft. Necessity



WAR!

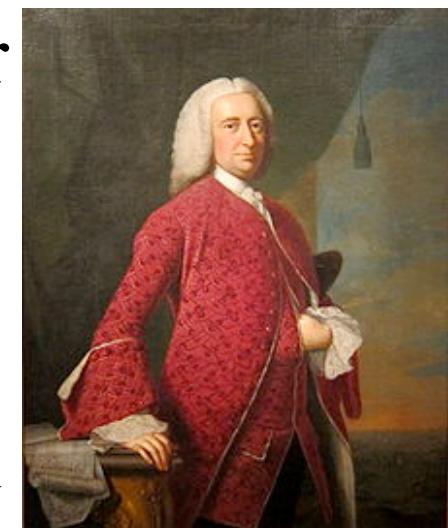
- Washington loses to French & NAm at Ft. Necessity
- Albany Congress (1754) – Franklin suggests that the British colonies and the Iroquois Confed. join forces → rejected, but British colonies begin to unite
- **Gen. Braddock** ambushed by French at Ft. Duquesne (1755) using guerrilla tactics → dies
- **Gov. Shirley** of MA named comm-in-chief → unable to org. colonies, match French firepower

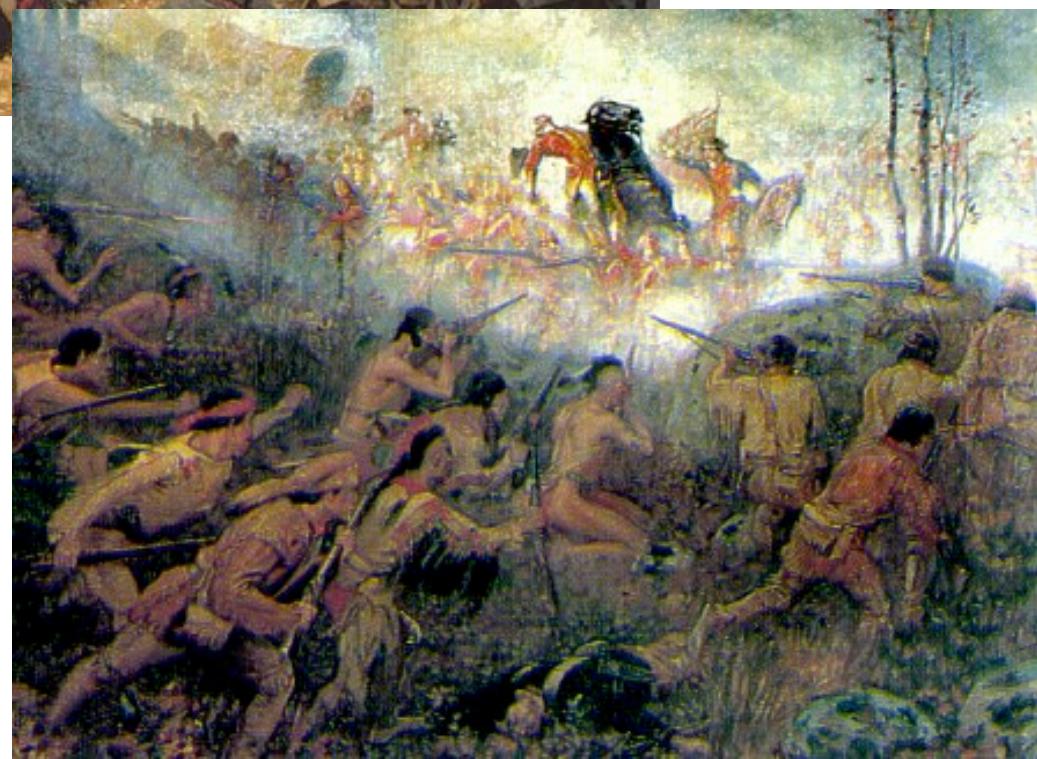


Braddock



Shirley



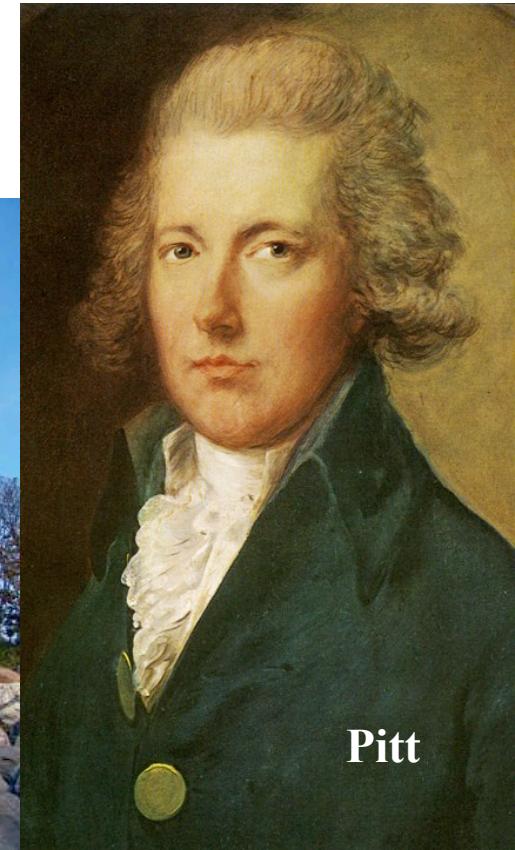
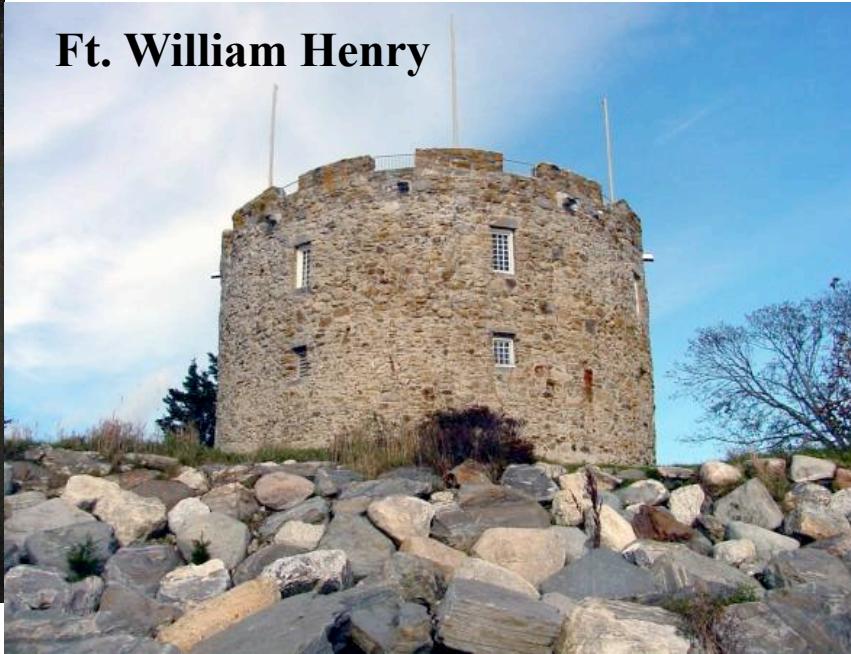


Guerrilla Warfare

- 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



Loundon



Pitt

- 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

