

# *Frederick The Great*

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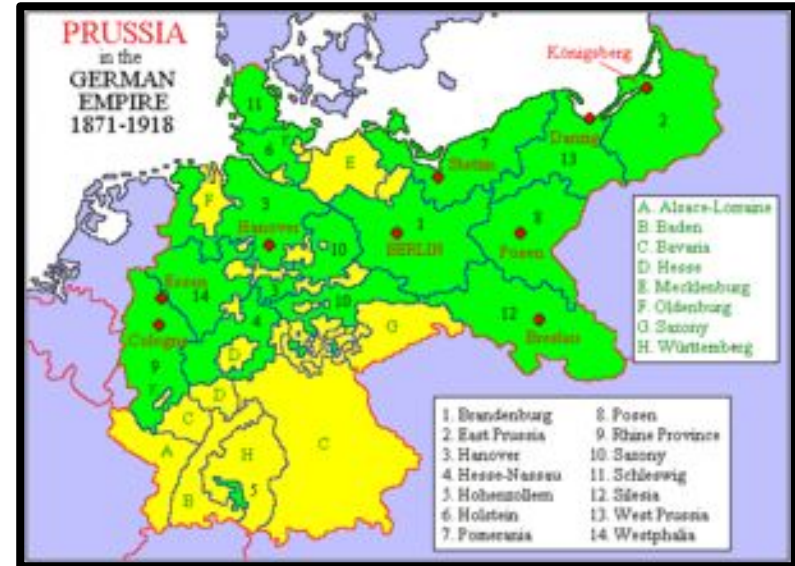
## *Introduction*

King: Frederick The Great

Reign: (1740 - 1786)

Nation: Prussia

Map →



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## *Tyrant Absolutism v. Enlightenment Absolutism*

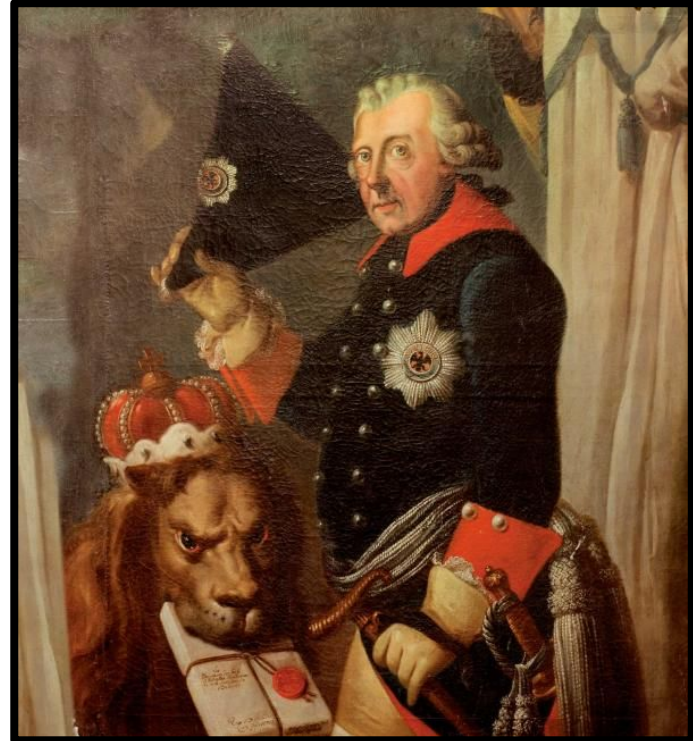
- ◆ He is ruthless and has no mercy when it comes to enemies
  - ◆ He started the eight-year War of Austrian Succession.
- ◆ Always wanted to attack or fight other nations for land
  - ◆ Launched attack on Saxony in 1756.
  - ◆ Launched sudden attack in now S.W. Poland
- ◆ Standardized Prussia's justice system.
  - ◆ Banning torture and arguing for a uniform criminal code.
- ◆ Supported press and religious freedom.
- ◆ Economically strengthened Prussia
  - ◆ Built canals to encourage trade and protective tariffs.



## *Primary Sources: Source 1*

- ◆ Title: “An 18th-century portrait of Frederick the Great”
- ◆ Author: Johann Heinrich Franke
- ◆ Date: 18th Century
- ◆ Represents loyalty because lions have raw power and fear no other animal. Like the king, lions protect their kingdom and whoever lives in it.

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## *Primary Sources: Source 2*

- ◆ Title: "Voltaire in his letters; being a selection from his correspondence"
- ◆ Author: Voltaire
- ◆ Date: 1769
- ◆ Expresses himself through his clothing and that he is all about culture. It explains how he wore whatever he had on, the best.

Quote:

"No man ever wore better than Frederick the Great the fine coat called Culture. He fitted it so well that even a shrewd Voltaire thought it his skin, not his covering,"

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# *Timeline*



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## *Impact*

Frederick the Great from Prussia (now Germany) was the king from 1740 to 1786. He reformed the military and government to strengthen the protection of the people and the state. He created religious tolerance and granted freedom of the press. Along with unifying his people Frederick's long reign unified Enlightenment rationalism, meaning using logic instead of religion to figure out major problems, and military tradition. All in all, Frederick left an unforgettable military legacy that is recognized in the 20th century by admirers, Napoleon and Hitler.

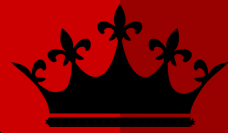
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## *Fun Facts & Quotes*

- ◆ “He who defends everything defends nothing”
- ◆ He had no real allies and he fought on the war by himself
- ◆ He lost his very first battle against the Austrians (Battle of Mollwitz)
- ◆ Didn't marry or have children but adored dogs
- ◆ Musician and played several pieces on the flute
- ◆ “A crown is merely a hat that lets the rain in”





*Thank You!*