

The War of Austrian Succession

I. Causes of the War

- a. Charles VI
- b. the Pragmatic Sanction

II. The War of Austrian Succession 1740-48

- a. In Europe
- b. In the North American Colonies (King George's War)
- c. In India (The Carnatic Wars)

III. Consequences of the War of Austrian Succession

- a. Maria Teresa's Reign
- a. Rise of Prussia
- b. The Seven Years' War (The French and Indian War) (1755-63)
 - 1. On the continent
 - 2. In North America and India

Synopsis: The War of Austrian Succession was the first of several wars in Central, German-speaking Europe that would decide the balance of power in the region for the next hundred years. It was also one name of a war that was fought in India, the Caribbean, and the North American Eastern coast between the Spanish, French and British over colonial holdings. This lecture introduces us to the beginning of world conflicts in the 18th century and once again traces a line from European activities to the American Revolution. We will discuss the growing globalization of war as colonial holdings increase and the challenges of fighting regional battles in a world war.