the two sides of the Thirty Years' War

Who has...

the Protestant Union & the Catholic League

the spark that began the Thirty Years' War

Who has...

the Catholic Holy Roman emperor Ferdinand II closed some Protestant churches in Bohemia; a revolt began, supported by several German Protestant princes

the Thirty Years' War

Who has...

a 1618-1648 conflict over religion, territory, and power among European ruling families

how Ferdinand II paid his army of 125,000 men fighting the Thirty Years' War

Who has...

allowed them to plunder German villages

Gustavus Adolphus

Who has...

Protestant ruler of Sweden whose disciplined army of 23,000 drove the Hapsburg armies out of northern Germany

Cardinal Richelieu and Cardinal Mazarin

Who has...

two Frenchmen who did not want
Hapsburg rulers to have as much
power as the French king; they
joined forces with the German and
Swedish Protestants to fight the
Hapsburg armies

effects of the Thirty Years' War

Who has...

Germany's population dropped from 20 million to about 16 million; trade and agriculture were disrupted; Germany's economy was ruined; Germany did not become a unified state until the 1800s.

the Treaty of Westphalia (1648)

Who has...

ended the Thirty Years' War; strengthened
France by awarding it German territory; made
German princes independent of the Holy
Roman emperor; put an official end to the idea
that a Catholic empire would rule most of
Europe; recognized Europe as a group of
equal, independent states; introduced a new
method of peace negotiation: all participants
meet to settle the problems of a war and decide
the terms of peace

reasons why strong states formed more slowly in central Europe than in western Europe

Who has...

landowning aristocracy kept serfs on the land to produce large harvests the nobles could sell for profit; nobles elected kings and sharply limited their power, allowing them little income, no law courts, and no standing army; these conditions created no middle class looking to share power and no strong ruler to keep a country together

steps taken by Austrian Hapsburgs to become absolute monarchs

Who has...

reconquered Bohemia during the Thirty
Years' War; wiped out Protestantism in
Bohemia and created a new Czech
nobility that pledged loyalty to them;
after the war, they centralized the
government and created a standing
army; retook Hungary from the Ottoman
Empire

Frederick William

Who has...

also known as the Great Elector; member of the Hohenzollern family who inherited the title of elector of Brandenburg; created the best standing army in Europe financed with new permanent taxation laws; weakened the representative assemblies of their territories and called himself king

the Junkers

Who has...

Prussia's landowning nobility; resisted the king's growing power until he gave them the exclusive right to be officers in his army

Frederick the Great (Frederick II)

Who has...

Frederick William's son; loved music, philosophy, and poetry; after trying to run away, he was ordered by his father to witness a friend's beheading; as ruler he encouraged religious toleration and legal reform, believing a ruler should be like a father to his people; was practical and atheistic and died without a son to succeed him

Silesia

Who has...

Austrian land that produced iron ore, textiles, and food products; desired by Frederick II became king of Prussia; its occupation by Prussia was a trigger for the War of Austrian Succession

Maria Theresa

Who has...

married at the age of 19; gave birth to sixteen children over the course of 20 years; ascended to the Austrian throne in 1745 at the age of 28; ruled until she died at the age of 63 in 1780; able ruler who decreased the power of the nobility and limited the amount of labor nobles could force peasants to do; devoted to her children; mother of Marie Antoinette

The Seven Years' War

Who has...

Austria, France, Russia, and others were allied against Britain and Prussia; fought from 1754-1763 in Europe, India, and North America; did not change the territorial situation in Europe but France lost its colonies in North America and Britain gained sole economic domination of India

absolutism

Who has...

the political belief that one ruler should hold all the power within the boundaries of a country

divine right

Who has...

the idea that God created the monarchy and the monarch acted as God's representative on earth; an absolute monarch answered only to God, not to his or her subjects

Peace of Augsburg (1555)

Who has...

agreed that the faith of each German prince would determine the religion of his subjects; maintained religious peace throughout Germany (for a while)

the supporters and opponents of King Charles in the English Civil War

Who has...

Royalists (or Cavaliers)

the Puritan supporters of Parliament in the English Civil War

Who has...

Cavaliers (or Roundheads)

(called this because they wore their hair short over their ears)

the Restoration

Who has...

the period during which Charles II returned to London and the monarchy of England

constitutional monarchy

Who has...

type of government in which laws limit a ruler or government's power

the English Bill of Rights of 1689

Who has...

made clear limits on royal power, listing many things a ruler could not do:
No suspending of Parliament's laws
No levying taxes without a permission from Parliament
No interfering with freedom of speech in Parliament
No penalty for a citizen who petitions the king about grievances