

Austria Hungary: The Habsburg Heart of Europe

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The Habsburg Empire

- a common high culture***
- a common aristocratic ruling class***
- common state institutions***

one economic space

What factors
shaped the identities
of those who lived in
the Habsburg heart of Europe?

The Holy Roman Empire

**the major political entity
in the heart of Europe
between 1500 and 1806**

A more realistic term

**“Austro-German
Habsburg Empire”**

Austrian Empire – 1814

**Austrian-Hungarian Empire or
the Dual Monarchy - 1867**

Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation (1512)



Charles VI (Karl VI)



- Charles VI (Karl VI) reigned as the Holy Roman Emperor, and Duke of Austria and sovereign of the Habsburg hereditary lands from 1711-1740.
- He initiated the Great *Schwabenzug* with the 1st or Carolingian, settlement in SE Europe.

The
Enlightened
Absolutists
or
the Enlightened Despots

Maria Theresa

**Archduchess of Austria,
Queen of Hungary & Bohemia (reigned 1740-1780)**



Frederick II of Prussia

reigned 1740-1786



Catherine II of Russia

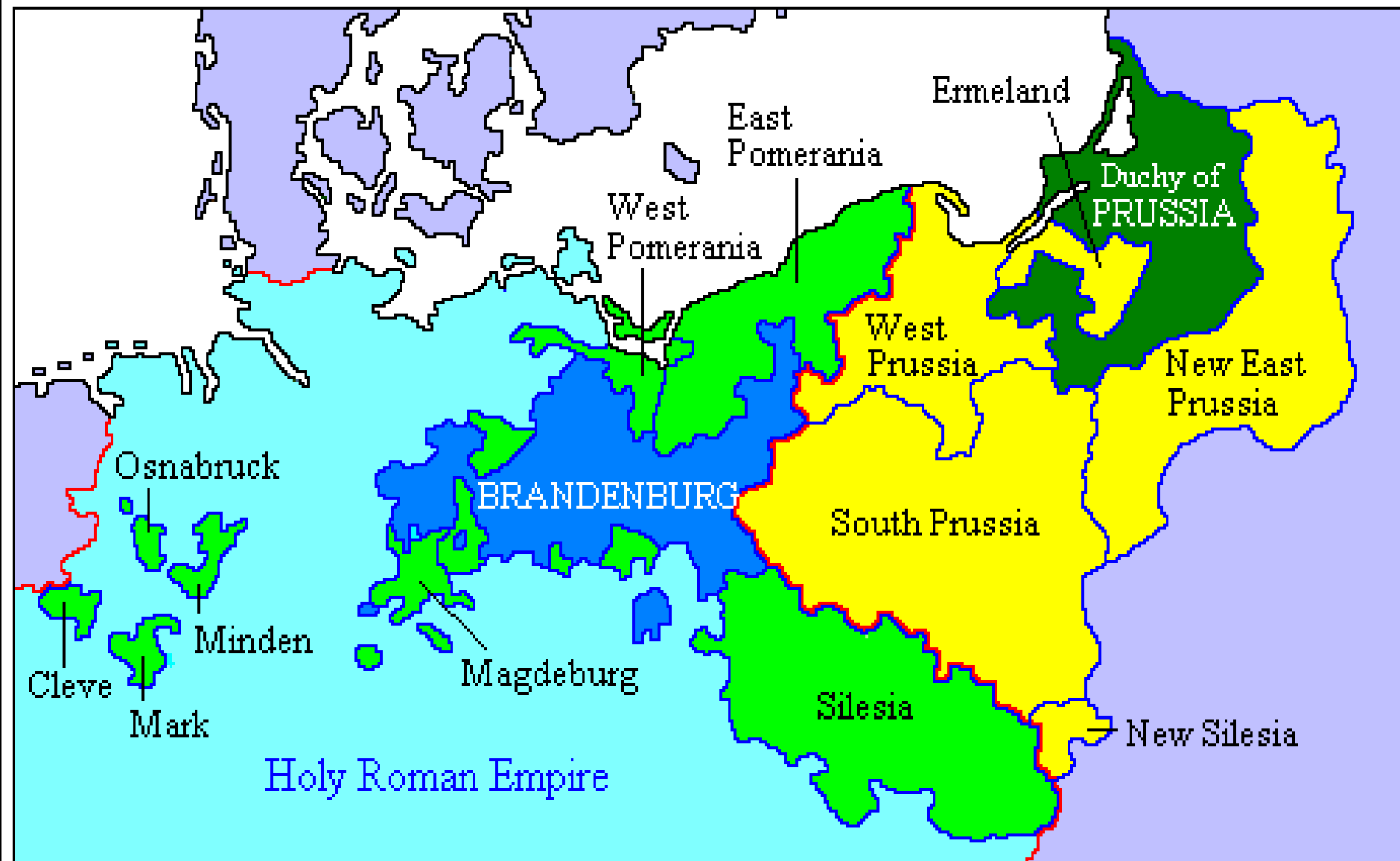
reigned 1762-1796



Joseph II
Holy Roman Emperor, 1765-1790
Co-Regent of, and then Successor in, Austrian Lands



GROWTH OF BRANDENBURG-PRUSSIA 1600-1795



Margravate of Brandenburg 1600

Duchy of Prussia 1600









Acquisitions 1600-1772

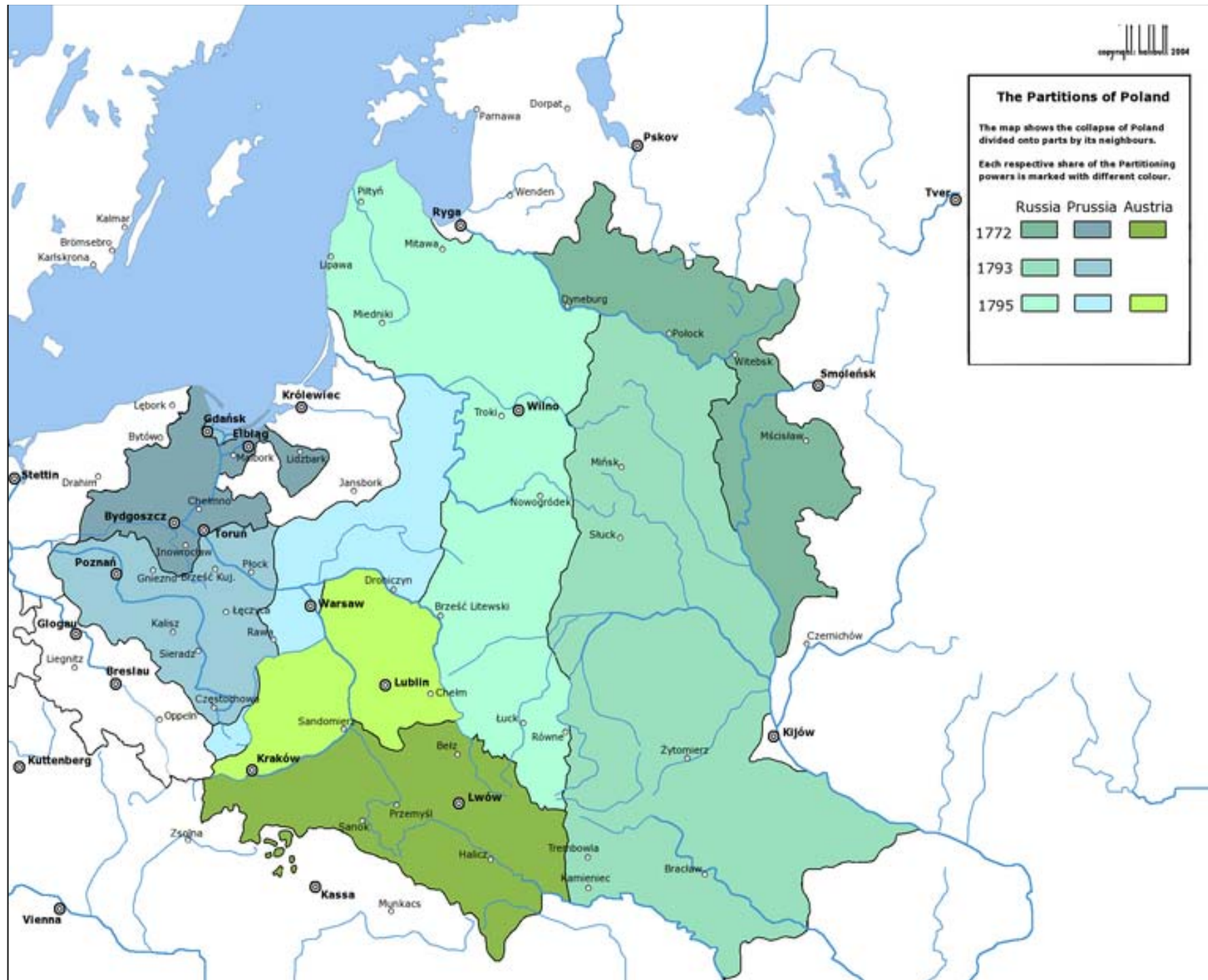
Territory acquired from Poland 1772-1795

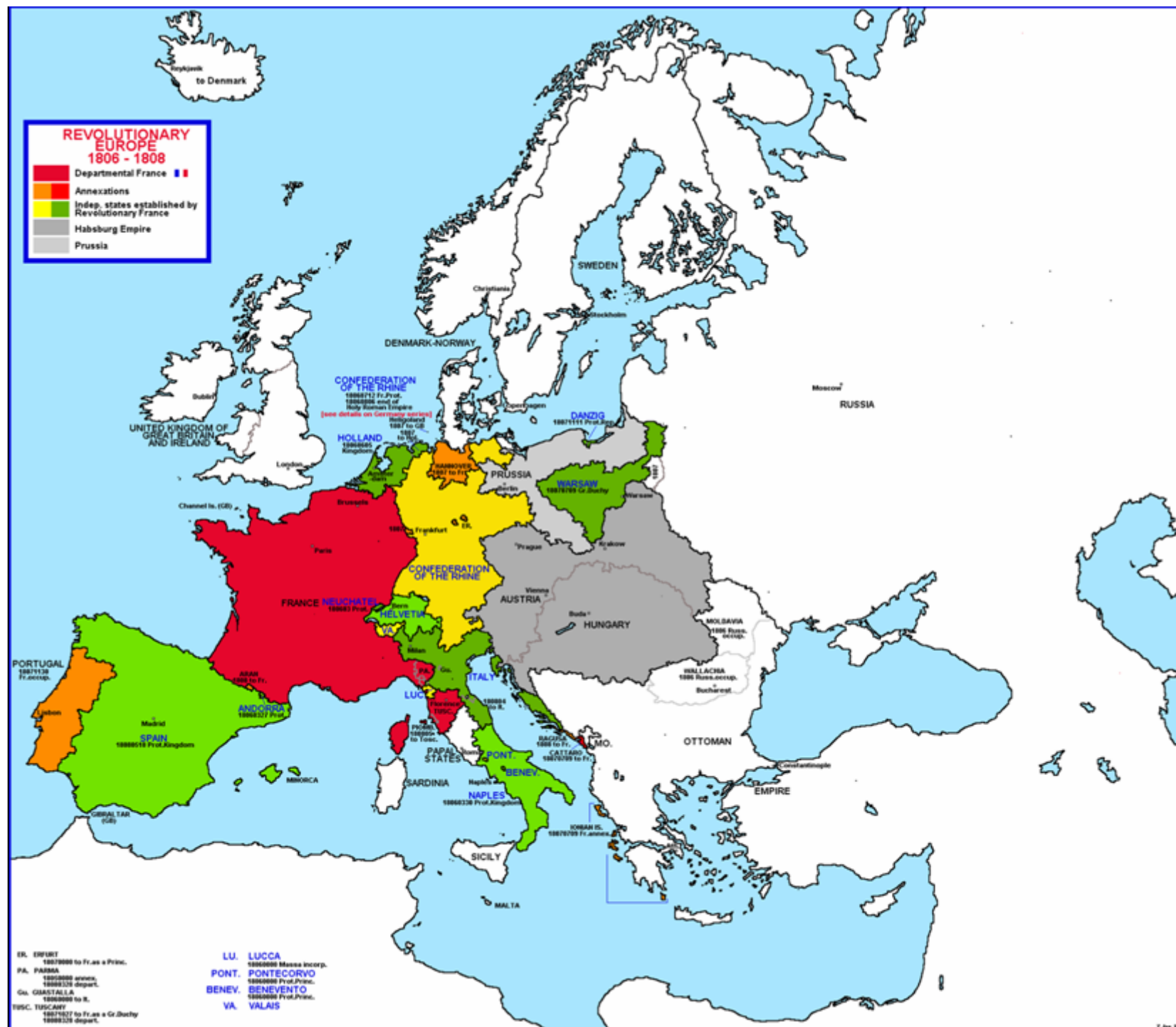
The Partitions of Poland

The map shows the collapse of Poland divided onto parts by its neighbours.

Each respective share of the Partitioning powers is marked with different colour.

	Russia	Prussia	Austria
1772			
1793			
1795			







**from the Philips' New Historical Atlas for Students,
1911**



Austria-Hungary

Cis-Leithania

1. Bohemia
2. Bukovina
3. Carinthia
4. Carniola
5. Dalmatia
6. Galicia,
7. Küstenland
8. Lower Austria
9. Moravia
10. Salzburg
11. Silesia
12. Styria
13. Tyrol
14. Upper Austria
15. Vorarlberg

Kingdom of Hungary

Transleithania

16. Hungary proper
17. Croatia-Slavonia;

Austrian-Hungarian Condominium

18. Bosnia and Herzegovina



“Where did you come from
Papa?”

tuteszy

“people from here”

Ethnic Group

earlier

Nationality

still earlier

Race

Citizenship

- mandatory labor
called *Frondienst*, *robot*, *corvee*
- crop and livestock shares
called *Zehent*, or tithe
- suffrage, or the right to vote

Languages

**The dominant ethnic group
in each half of the Empire
was a minority in the area that it controlled.**

**Beginning in 1770s, a shift from Latin
to the vernacular in state-supervised schools
aroused ethnic awareness.**

**“Parallel schools” offered instruction
in various languages if numbers warranted.**

Languages and the Military

Every male in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy was required to be available for military service from Jan. 1 in the year of his 19th birthday until Dec. 31 in the year of his 42nd birthday.

Because the population was made up of so many groups, each with its own language – German speaking Austrians, Hungarians, Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Ruthenians, Croats, Serbs, Slovenes, Romanians, Italians, and Islamic Slavs – the army was arranged on a territorial model.

Whenever possible, men from one area who spoke the same language served together.

Austria-Hungary

Linguistic Distribution

German	24%
Hungarian	20%
Czech	13%
Polish	10%
Ruthenian	8%
Romanian	6%
Croat	5%
Slovak	4%
Serb	4%
Slovene	3%
Italian	3%



Distribution of Races in Austria-Hungary

from the Historical Atlas by William R. Shepherd, 1911

**The world's 3 great
monotheistic
-“one God” -
religions
were represented
in the Habsburg Empire.**

The oldest monotheistic religion of the world: Judaism.

**The name derives from the patriarch Judah,
whose name designated the tribe and tribal district
in which Jerusalem was located.**

**The inhabitants of Judah
and members of the tribe of Judah came
to be called "Judahites" or in short form, "Jews."**

Christianity:

Roman Catholicism

Orthodoxy

Greek (Eastern Rite) Catholicism

Protestantism

Christian Protestantism includes

**Evangelical / Lutheran
Evangelical / Reformed
Calvinists
Anabaptists**

**The third great
monotheistic religion is
Islam.**

**“Muslim” is the name for one
who submits himself to
Allah, the one God.
Mohammed is his Prophet.**

Religions in Habsburg Empire, 1910

Religion/Denomination	Empire	Cisleithania	Transleithania	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Catholics	76.6%	90.9%	61.8%	22.9%
Protestants	8.9%	2.1%	19.0%	0.0%
E. Orthodox	8.7%	2.3%	14.3%	43.5%
Jewish	4.4%	4.7%	4.9%	0.6%
Muslim	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	32.7%



Shatter Belt 1836

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Galicia1836.gif>

Emperor Franz Josef I reigned 1848 - 1916



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of Europe?**

Ethnic Group

Citizenship

mandatory labor, suffrage

Languages

schools, military

Religion

Whom do you seek,
and for what event?

*ethnic group, citizenship,
language, religion*

In what time frame?

At what location was it then,
and where is it now?

country / state, principality, district, county

Who made the record entry?

**For what church
or civil jurisdiction?**

Where were the records held?

**Where are they now,
after two World Wars?**

Important!

**do a “place search”
for locations, resources,
and microfilms
in the Family History
Library Catalog:**

<http://www.familysearch.org>!