

Seven Year's War (1756-1763)

A Global Conflict (The First World War)

European Alliances:

Prussia & Great Britain

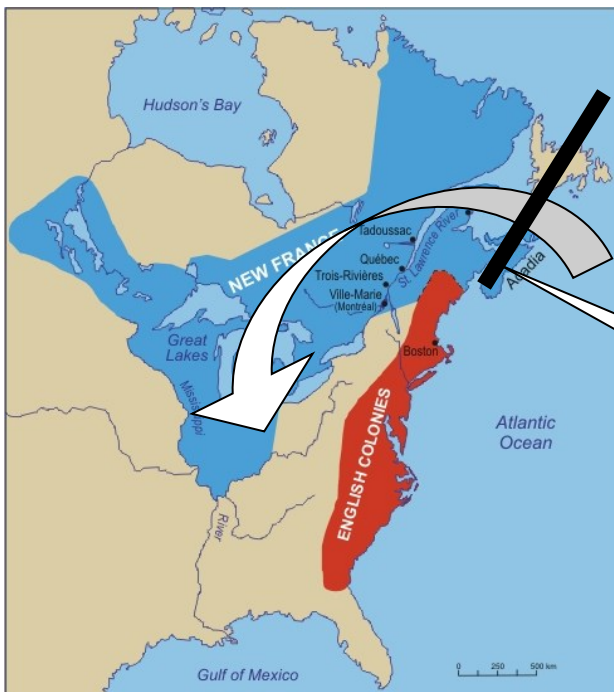
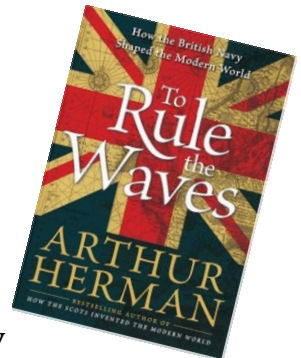
France & Austria (joined by Russia & Sweden)

- Frederick II (of Prussia) invaded Saxony (an ally of Austria) igniting long-simmering hostilities.
- The war crossed the Atlantic as France and Great Britain fought in the “New World.” In North America this conflict was called *The French and Indian Wars*.

Indigenous Alliances during the French and Indian Wars (Seven Year's War):

British	French
Haudenosaunee Confederacy (in particular the Mohawk)	Remains of the Wendat Confederacy Anishinaabe (including the Mississaugas) Odawa

- Battles raged in North America, the Caribbean, India, as well as Europe.
- Before the breakout of the war the British Royal Navy had fully achieved international control of the oceans by 1750. The British controlled the oceans – a position they exploited during this conflict. Read more about the development of the Royal Navy in *To Rule the Waves* by Arthur Herman.



- The British Naval Superiority cut off French forces from their overseas colonies. Fortress Louisburg was recaptured by the British, effectively sealing off New France from receiving anymore reinforcements.
- The war was a disaster for the French in the New World.

By using their navy, the English cut off supplies going into New France – they literally began starving it to death.