

Aim: How successful was the Congress of Vienna in fixing Europe after the French Revolution?

### I. Congress of Vienna

1. Leaders of European countries met to discuss Europe's problems

The important Four were:

2. Prince Clemons von Metternich of Austria
3. Czar Alexander I of Russia
4. Lord Robert Castleragh of England
5. Prince Charles Maurice de Talleyrand of France
6. These four men were in charge of rebuilding Europe

### II. Goals of the Congress

#### A. Balance of power

1. To create a lasting peace by establishing a balance of power
2. Peacemakers redrew the map of Europe
3. The purpose was to surround France to keep them from rising again
  - The Dutch Republic was united to form a single kingdom of the Netherlands.
  - Norway and Sweden were joined under a single ruler
  - Prussia was given much of Saxony
  - Russia got Finland and control over Poland
  - Austria was given back most of the territory it had lost and land in Germany and Italy
  - France was deprived of all territory conquered by Napoleon
  - Britain gained several colonial territories in Africa, and they also gained control of the seas.

#### B. Restoration of the Monarchies

1. Protect the monarchies of European countries
2. Claimed Legitimacy restoring hereditary monarchs
3. France was restored under the rule of Louis XVIII.
4. Spain was restored under Ferdinand VII
5. Restoring kings in Italian states as well as Portugal

Czar Alexander wanted to create a "Holy Alliance" of Christian monarchs to suppress future revolutions; it was considered the first organization for peace but was weakened after Alexander's death in 1825

### III. Problems of the Peace

1. The members redrew the map of Europe without concern for common cultures
2. Many nations were split up causing nationalism to begin to appear in Europe
3. Framework for peace kept Europe from fighting for 40 years