

THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR: CAUSES AND OUTCOME

Read the text on page 1 to learn more about the causes and outcomes of the war. Then complete the tables in Parts 1 and 2 below.

PART 1. Explain each participant's motivations in the French and Indian War.

FRANCE	France wanted to control trade with Native American nations in North America. In particular, France wanted to protect its trading interests in the Ohio River Valley.
GREAT BRITAIN	Britain wanted to expand its empire and gain more territory for its colonists. In particular, Britain wanted to gain control of the Ohio River Valley.
THE THIRTEEN COLONIES	The colonists' main motivation was to gain more land for farming.
NATIVE AMERICAN NATIONS	Native American nations wanted to protect their homelands from being taken over by the British empire and settled by British colonists.

PART 2. Explain what each participant gained or lost from the French and Indian War's outcome.

FRANCE	France gained nothing from the war. France lost its entire empire in North America.
GREAT BRITAIN	Britain took an enormous amount of North American land from France and many Native American nations. However, the British lost a huge amount of money fighting the war and went into debt.
THE THIRTEEN COLONIES	The 13 colonies gained lots of valuable land. However, the colonists had to pay much higher taxes to Great Britain after the war.
NATIVE AMERICAN NATIONS	Native American nations did not benefit from the French and Indian War. Many Native American peoples lost land after the war, especially those who fought on the French side.

BONUS QUESTION:

Who do you think gained the most from the French and Indian War? Who lost the most? Why?