

Useful Info #1
Religious Conflict & Social Contexts of Early Modern Europe

Session outline:

- I. The map of Europe in 1648: states, languages, religions
- II. State Power & Religious Conflict – conclusions from the reading
- III. Social structure in early modern Europe
 - A. Principles
 - B. Major social divisions
 - C. Peasantry in West vs. East & South
- IV. A word on the early modern economy

Major Language Groups:

Romance	Germanic	Slavic	Other Indo-Euro	Non Indo-European
French	German	Russian	Latvian	Hungarian
Italian	English	Ukrainian	Lithuanian	Finnish
Spanish	Dutch	Bulgarian	Greek	Estonian
Portuguese	Danish	Serbo-Croatian	Albanian	Turkish
Romanian	Norwegian	Slovak	Welsh	
	Swedish	Czech	Gaelic	
	Icelandic	Polish	Armenian	

Major Religions in Europe (*):

Catholicism	Protestantism	Orthodoxy	Islam
Spain	Northern Germany	Russia	Ottoman Empire
Italy	Sweden	Ukraine	Bosnia
Portugal	Norway	Bulgaria	Volga region (Russia)
France	Denmark	Serbia	steppes (Russia)
Ireland	England & Scotland	Romania	North Africa
Poland	East Baltic coast	Greece	Spain (until 16th c.)
Austria	Netherlands		

(*). But note the presence of religious minorities in many of these countries

Terms and concepts:

- Holy Roman Empire = roughly modern Germany + parts of Austria and Switzerland.
- Martin Luther, Huldrych Zwingli, John Calvin
- Catholic Renewal = "Counter-Reformation"
- French Wars of Religion & St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre (1572)
- Thirty Years' War (1618-48) and Treaty of Westphalia (1648)
- Protestantism in England – the Anglican Church ("Church of England")
- Secular explanations for politics