

The Imperial Wars and Colonial Protest (1754-1775)

The late 17th century was a time of growing British colonial aggression. There were four (4) wars between Great Britain, France and Spain, which took place from 1689 to 1763. These wars were not only fought in Europe but also in India and North Africa. The ultimate winner was to control most of the global Colonial Trade, including the West Indies, Canada and the Thirteen Colonies.

| War | Years | Outcomes |
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| <p>King William's War</p> <p>Also known as the War of the League of Augsburg</p> | 1689-1697 | Failed expeditions to capture Quebec Native Americans sided with the French |
| <p>Queen Anne's War</p> <p>Also known as the War of Spanish Succession</p> | 1702-1713 | Failed expedition to Quebec British gain Nova Scotia Britain gains trading rights in Spanish Americas after defeat of Spanish |
| <p>King George's War</p> <p>Also known as the War of Austrian Succession</p> | 1744-1748 | James Oglethorpe in Georgia stops Spanish attacks New England colonists take for at Cape Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island, colonists control St. Lawrence river Peace treaty gives back Louisbourg fort, colonials furious |
| <p>French Indian War</p> <p>Also known as part of the Seven Years War</p> | 1754-1763 (Seven Years War 1756-1763) | British provoked by French forts along Ohio River Valley Colonial militia led by George Washington defeated in 1754, trying to take Fort Duquesne. Washington captured. In 1755-second attack on fort led by 2,000 British troops, fort taken, Washington freed. 1756 and 1757 failed attempts to capture Quebec and control Canada The Albany Plan of the Union (1754) led by Benjamin Franklin to create inter-colonial government, system for recruiting troops, taxes for an army, fails 1758 New British Prime Minister William Pitt 1758 Louisbourg is retaken Fort Duquesne renamed Pittsburgh 1759 Quebec surrenders 1760 Montreal captured 1763 Peace of Paris – British now control both Canada and Spanish Florida. Just prior to defeat and treaty French give Spain the Louisiana Territory, Spain gives France the Florida peninsula to avoid British rule of Louisiana |