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Era of Metternich




METTERNICH

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Prince Klemens von Metternich


- Living symbol of reaction
- Designed the Quadruple Alliance
- Opposed all changes except restoration of the Old Regime



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New Popular Terms

- **Conservative** – person opposed to change
- **Liberal** – person favoring gradual change
- **Radical** – person favoring quick change that gets to the root of the matter



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Spanish Revolt (1820)

- Ferdinand VII had scrapped the liberal constitution of 1812
 - Restored absolutism, Inquisition, and Old Regime
 - Suppressed individual liberties
- 1820 – revolt – Ferdinand had to restore the 1812 constitution
- Quadruple Alliance met in Verona in 1822
 - Sent French army into Spain
- Ferdinand restored to power
 - Ruled as an autocratic despot
 - No democratic progress in Spain for approximately 100 years



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Italian Revolt (1820)

- Revolts in Piedmont and Naples
- Led by Carbonari ("charcoal burners") – secret organization
 - Wanted constitutions to limit royal absolutism
- Congress of Laibach (1821)
 - Quadruple Alliance had Austrian military suppress the revolts
 - Austrian army – "fire brigade of Europe"



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Latin American Revolutions (1810-1825)

- Independence movements arose following Napoleon's invasion of Spain
- Revolutions supported by Great Britain and United States
 - Great Britain
 - Wanted to trade with Latin America, which Spain had never permitted
 - United States
 - Also wanted to trade
 - Sympathized with democratic ideals
 - Monroe Doctrine (1823) – U.S. would not interfere in Europe, and Europe would not interfere in the independent nations of the Americas
 - Support from the United States and Great Britain (a member of the Quadruple Alliance) kept Europe away



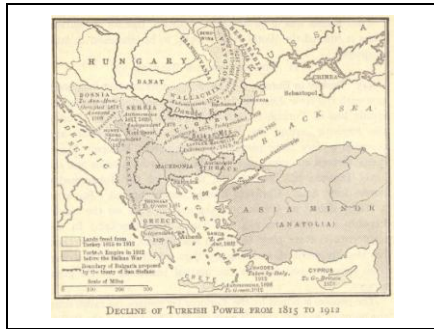
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Greek Revolt (1821-1829)

- Greeks revolted against Ottoman (Turkish) rulers
- Metternich sided with the Turks
- Britain, France, and Russia sided with the Greeks
- Greece won its independence in 1829



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Review Questions

- Who was Prince Klemens von Metternich?
- What is a conservative?
- What is a liberal?
- What is a radical?
- What were the Carlsbad Decrees?
- Describe one of the nationalistic revolts of the early nineteenth century.