

## Unit 2 Review: The Foundations of Modern Europe The Development of the Nation-State System

1. What occurs in Europe from the mid 1500s to the early 1700s replaces almost all that had come before:
2. Establishment of new ideas and realities in terms of...
  - a. administrative, organizational, and territorial entities
  - b. economic policies and concepts
  - c. diplomatic arrangements
  - d. political ideas and policies
3. new concepts and theories about how the world *should* function
4. few "blueprints and guidelines" to follow ---> trial and error
5. idea ---> event ---> codification ---> idea ---> etc.

### Specific ideas and concepts

- a. sovereignty
- b. balance of power
- c. bureaucracy and government organization
- d. consolidation of political power
- e. mercantilism
- f. commercial capitalism
- g. nationalism (3 components)
- h. absolutism

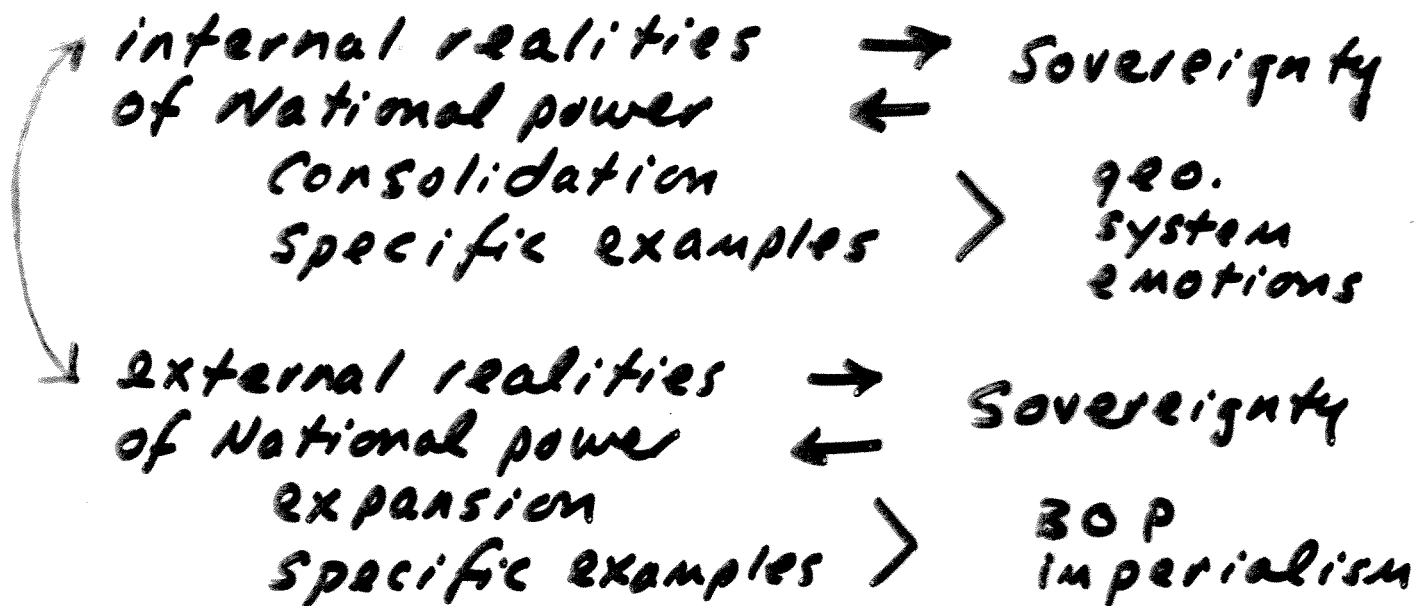
### General realities

- a. internal affairs <---> external affairs
- b. strength <---> weakness
- c. self interests <---> denial for others
- d. individual nations <---> system of nations
- e. perpetuation of the system

### Where do we actually see this stuff?

- a. specific policies and decisions within each nation (Spain, England, France)
- b. specific wars (causes and results)
- c. treaties and other "legal" arrangements
- d. individual perspectives, personalities, mind-sets, and decisions

# Conceptual Framework: Unit 2 (and beyond)



## Potential Problems

### concept of legitimacy / sovereignty

What is it?

Who defines it?

How do they define it?

Challenges to the definitions

internal manifestations

- civil conflict
- failed policies
- loss of power / sov.

external manifestations

- warfare
- loss of power / sov.

- Condition
- place
- person