

**Major Theme for Unit 3**  
**Eastern Europe and the Struggle for Wealth and Empire**  
**1648 – 1763**

There is an inherent *relationship* between: (be able to define)

**Sovereignty**

**Power**

**Nationalism**

This relationship influences and is influenced by the *dynamic* interplay between

**Status quo pressures**

**Revisionist (revolutionary) pressures**

These pressures *relate* to

Issues of **internal (domestic) power** and consolidation within each nation

Issues of **international (foreign) power** and the Balance of Power System

All of this determines the ability of each nation to increase or lose power, and the ability of the overall “state system” to either hold together (status quo) or break apart (revisionist).

You should be able to take any situation, i.e. The Pragmatic Sanction in 1713, and apply it to the ideas presented above.

To do so you will need to consider:

- internal components of power
- external components of power
- the realities that all of this involves a struggle
- certain universal characteristics of the system
- certain relative characteristics of the system
- each nation’s individual sense of national identity
- the on-going transition from a “medieval” to a “modern” Europe
- stabilizing elements
- destabilizing elements

NATIONALISM:

territorial  
psychological  
organizational

Backed up by Force / Power

military  
political  
cultural  
economic  
personal (ADRM)

SOVEREIGNTY:

supreme and independent power  
the ability to manage your own affairs:  
    domestic order and stability  
    foreign affairs and national defense  
the ability to determine your own best interests  
the ability to act accordingly  
recognition by others of these realities

*NATIONALISM <-----> SOVEREIGNTY*

irony: desire for order and stability at home, but the realization that it was a world of anarchy in terms of foreign affairs

“the strong do as they will, the weak do as they must”

irony: major changes taking place in Europe in terms of ideas of progress, economic developments, shifting power realities among empires, yet, a certain conservatism setting in relating to socioeconomic structures within various societies

“big changes to get there, conservatism to stay”