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### The Congress That Changed The World

Think for a moment. What if The Congress of Vienna (that took care of all of France's affairs after Napoleon was deposed) never happened? The Congress of Vienna essentially reorganized Europe after the Napoleonic wars. At the time Europe was the leading military power. It had all the guns, all the Military, and lots of allies. Europe had two major countries who kept things in order, Britain and France. Britain and France found themselves battling for Europe supremacy. When the French Revolution ended with Napoleon deposed, it created a power vacuum. Everybody was on someone else's throats until the Congress of Vienna came around in 1814 to get Europe back to full strength again. Every European country sent representatives to the congress to decide upon matters that were desperate to the survival of Europe. When Napoleon was deposed European countries saw the opportunities to take land. The Congress of Vienna solved the dispute by having a team of European representatives to bring together to Countries once again.

On June 18, 1815, the Battle of Waterloo started. It was Napoleon's last battle. He fought hard, but to no avail. Sadly, he came up with no victory. At the end, he even rode away on his noble steed, crying. The British-Prussian-Russian-Austrian army was commanded by Arthur

Wellesley. The “Four” named this battle “Waterloo” based off the term “waterlogged”. The night before the attack it had rained heavily. The ground was soaked and waterlogged hence the name. According to the history.com staff, The “French suffered more than 33,000 casualties ... while British and Prussian casualties numbered more than 22,000”. There is now a saying. If a person “has met his Waterloo”(history.com staff)., it means that a person has had a final loss. The Battle of Waterloo was the “Four’s” winning battle of the French Revolution.

Four main countries started the congress during the war. Austria ,Prussia, Russia, and Great Britain. Through the Treaty of Chaumont all four of these four powers agreed to team up on Napoleon, to strip of his power. On May 30th Spain and Portugal were signed into the treaty. It forced them find peace among themselves to defeat one main power that had become a pain in the back for all of them. The Treaty of Chaumont created a bond between these countries.

Napoleon was later exiled onto a remote british held island called Saint Helena. On May 5 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte died at age 51 while still on Saint Helena. Historians at History.com say he “died most likely from stomach cancer”. He was later buried on Saint Helena. Years after the french moved his remains to a crypt at les invalides.

Napoleon’s death sent Europe in to a power vacuum as everyone wanted to get more land. The Four great powers got together and created the Congress of Vienna which was designed to fix all of Europe's problems with greed for power They called the best men in each country to come and collaborate among each other. Each country did not only send their best men but also sent their best salesmen to help learn the issues in their countries favor. The Congress reorganized Europe after Napoleon. The Congress focused on getting territorial issues

fixed before anything else. The need for power was corrupting Europe and with that it could possibly create more battles that were not necessary.

The Congress let out 6 treaty and all sorts of different new laws. The whole point of the congress though was to get through territorial issues. People wanted to know who would get france's newly opened up land. It would determine who has most of the power. It was passed out evenly through the four leading powers. They created the kingdom of the netherlands as they went into fixing these problems. The kingdom of the Netherlands is her in this world today. All of Congress's work remained in Europe for ten years until the Germans took over.

There were a lot of people running the Congress. A lot of people in power. As Encyclopedia Britannica says "The leading statesmen in attendance at the congress were Prince Klemens von Metternich of Austria, Tsar Alexander I of Russia, Frederick William III and Prince Karl von Hardenberg of Prussia, Viscount Castlereagh of Great Britain". In other words Those people were head honchos within the congress. They helped keep the Congress together through fights. They lead the congress to victory.

The Congress's work carried out in Europe and allowed peace for ten years. The Congress made that peace and without this one Congress, Europe would not survive for long. The Germans are who ultimately broke it up the congress's work. 10 years is a long time to maintain peace within the 1800's when everyone wanted land. The Congress of Vienna changed the course of the world because without that congress europe would be battling each other all the time.

There is some down sides to the Congress Of Vienna. The decided to exclude certain countries in making ultimate decisions. Although They did this it created a way for the congress to lead their congressman into victory

Although they had some flaws within their system it does not mean they were not successful in completing the tasks assigned to accomplish. The congress accomplished several tasks. They also went along a nasty pah when the countries decided it was best to send their greatest salesman to the congress. It led to a lot of fights but the congress still got its work done. What would have happened without the congress of Vienna.

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