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War of the Spanish Succession

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FACT FILE

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THINK ABOUT THIS!

ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 11-14

1 MODIFIED TRUE OR FALSE: Write TRUE if the statement is correct. If not, underline the incorrect word/s then write the right answer. (8 marks)

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Spain and West-Central Europe were the two main theaters of the war in Europe.

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Spain finally put an end to its fight with Austria in 1721.

2 BATTLES: Write a brief description of the following battles fought during the war of Spanish succession. (8 marks)

BATTLE OF SILENHEIM

BATTLE OF TURIN

BATTLE OF CREMONA

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This document contains potential answers to activities provided in each pack. Note that subjective/perspective type of activities may vary in sentence construction and grammar. Nonetheless, objective type of activities are provided with spot on answers.

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AUSTRALIAN French Bourbons and Australian Habsburgs are related to the late King of Spain that reigned for the Spanish crown.

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TRUE The English changed their minds and decided that Archduke Charles would be better off on the throne.

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Note: Marks for each activity are to be determined by the teacher.

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BACKGROUND

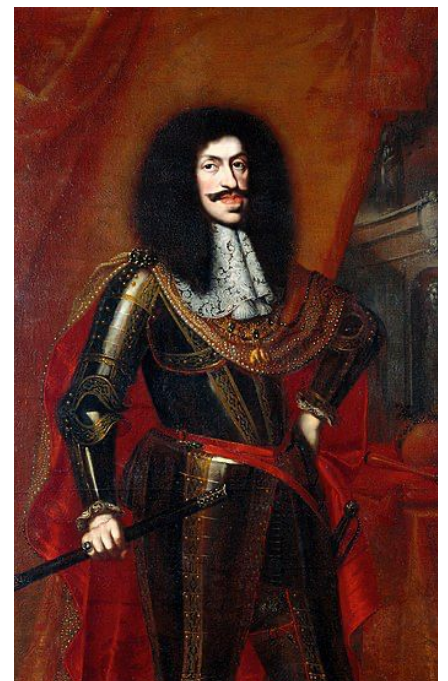
It was evident that King Charles II of Spain could not have children since he had been psychologically and physically ill since a very early age. As a result, the question of who would inherit the Spanish kingdoms—which encompassed not just Spain but also dominions in Italy, the Low Countries, and the Americas—became highly contested. The French Bourbons and the Austrian Habsburgs, both royal houses that were related to the late King of Spain, vied for the Spanish crown.



Charles II

The issue of the inheritance was contentious after the death of King Charles II. The French Bourbons and the Austrian Habsburgs both claimed the Spanish throne, with Louis, the Grand Dauphin, being the most legitimate successor as the son of King Louis XIV of France and Spanish Princess Maria Theresa, who was also Charles II's older half-sister. However, his inheritance of both the French and Spanish realms would have resulted in a large empire that threatened the balance of power in Europe, making him a problematic choice.

Leopold I, the Holy Roman Emperor, was the alternate candidate for the Spanish throne. He was a first cousin of the King of Spain, his mother being a sister of Philip IV, Charles II's father. Leopold's claim to the Spanish throne would have reunited the powerful Spanish-Austrian Habsburg empire of the 16th century, making him a formidable candidate. In 1668, the Spanish territories were partitioned between the Bourbons and the Habsburgs, despite Philip IV's will stating that the Austrians were the rightful heirs. However, in 1689, when William III of England sought the Emperor's aid in the War of the Grand Alliance against France, the Emperor promised to support his claim to the undivided Spanish empire.



Leopold I





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MODIFIED TRUE OR FALSE. Write TRUE if the statement is correct. If not, underline the incorrect word/s then write the right answer. (X marks)

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ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 14-16



1

ESSAY WRITING. Based on the resource, write an essay on how the war of Spanish succession finally came to an end. (X marks)





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