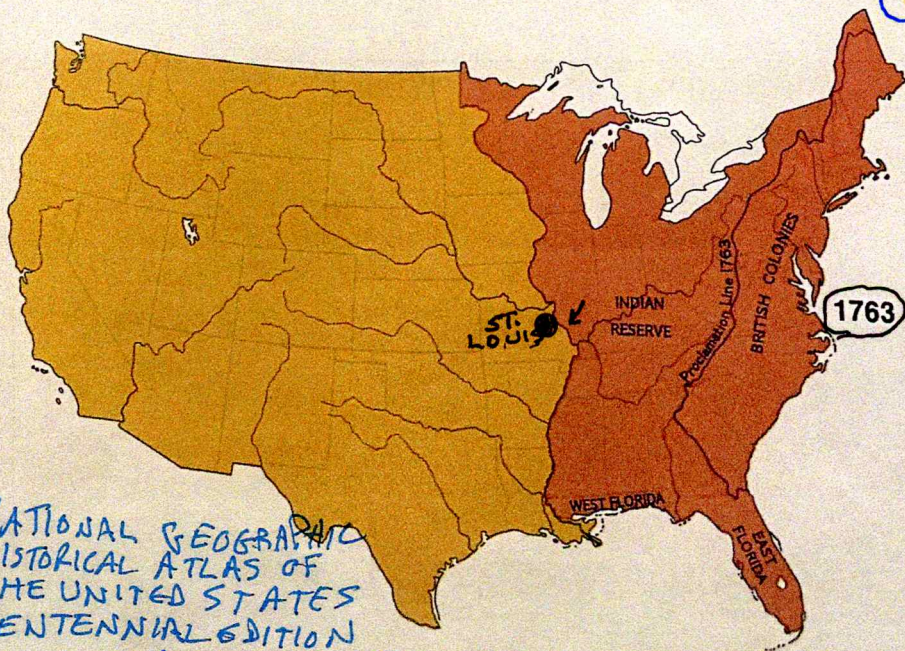


TERRITORIAL GROWTH
European Claims, circa 1750-1763

- British
- French
- Spanish

Crossed claims & war

On the eve of the French and Indian War, fewer than 80,000 Frenchmen inhabited Canada and the disputed Ohio and Mississippi Valleys. British colonists numbered 1,300,000. Battles near Lake Champlain and Lake George were indecisive until new British strength was committed. The storming of Québec ended French hopes in 1759.



The colonial shuffle

The Treaty of Paris in 1763 ended France's dominion in North America. Canada and lands east of the Mississippi went to Britain; Spain ceded Florida to Britain and received all French holdings west of the Mississippi. Britain's reservation of western lands for Indians angered colonists.

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