

# Austria Hungary: The Habsburg Heart of Europe

Irmgard Hein Ellingson

[irmgardellingson@yahoo.com](mailto:irmgardellingson@yahoo.com)



# The Habsburg Empire

- *a common high culture*
  - *a common aristocratic ruling class*
  - *common state institutions*
- one economic space**

What factors  
shaped the identities  
of those who lived in  
the Habsburg heart of Europe?

# **The Holy Roman Empire**

**the major political entity  
in the heart of Europe  
between 1500 and 1806**

**A more realistic term**

**“Austro-German  
Habsburg Empire”**

**Austrian Empire – 1814**

**Austrian-Hungarian Empire or  
the Dual Monarchy - 1867**

# Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation (1512)



# Charles VI (Karl VI)



- Charles VI (Karl VI) reigned as the Holy Roman Emperor, and Duke of Austria and sovereign of the Habsburg hereditary lands from 1711-1740.
- He initiated the Great *Schwabenzug* with the 1<sup>st</sup> or Carolingian, settlement in SE Europe.

The  
Enlightened  
Absolutists  
or  
the Enlightened Despots

# Maria Theresa

**Archduchess of Austria,  
Queen of Hungary & Bohemia (reigned 1740-1780)**



# Frederick II of Prussia

reigned 1740-1786



# Catherine II of Russia

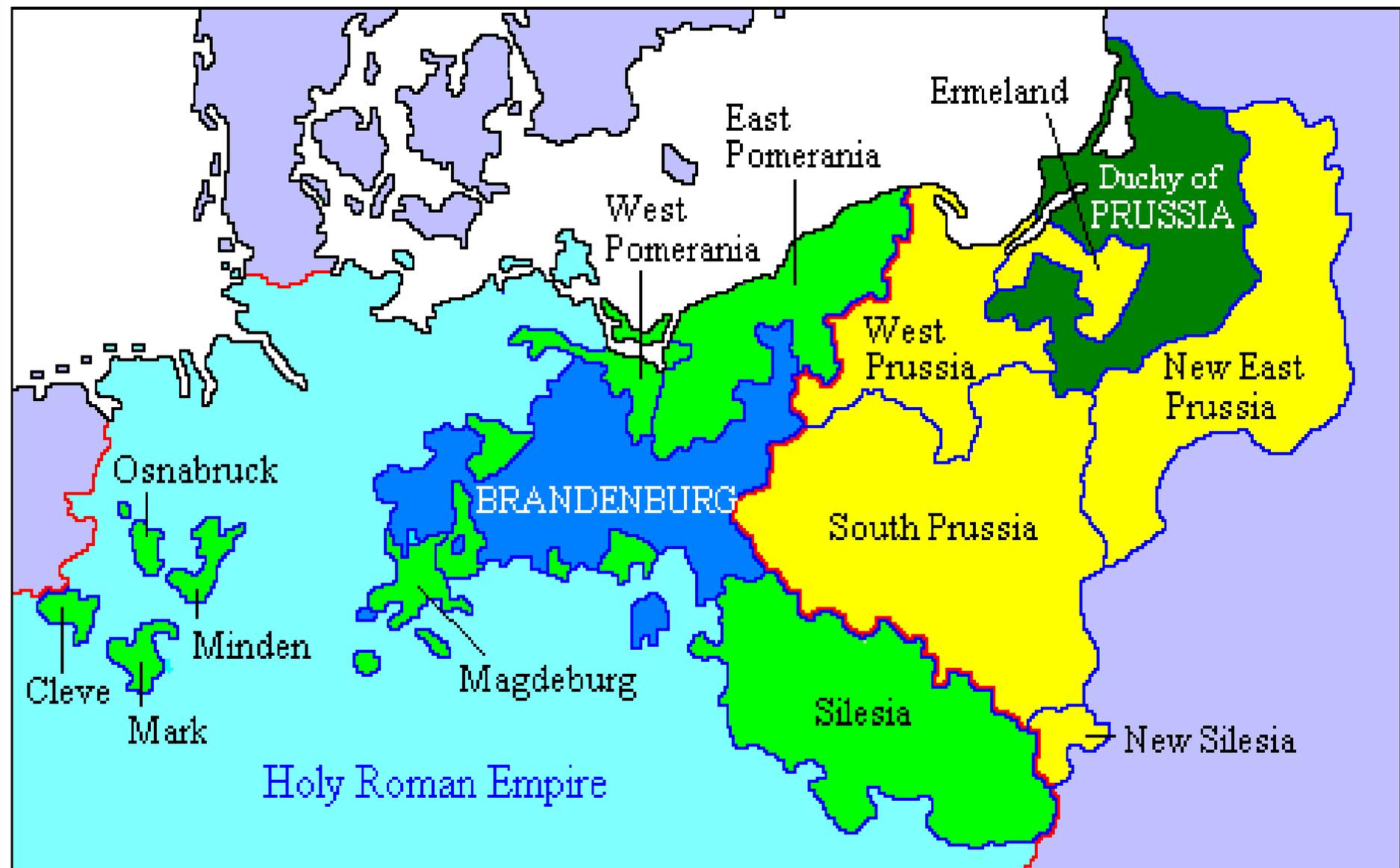
reigned 1762-1796



**Joseph II**  
**Holy Roman Emperor, 1765-1790**  
**Co-Regent of, and then Successor in, Austrian Lands**



# GROWTH OF BRANDENBURG-PRUSSIA 1600-1795



■ Margravate of Brandenburg 1600

■ Acquisitions 1600-1772

■ Duchy of Prussia 1600

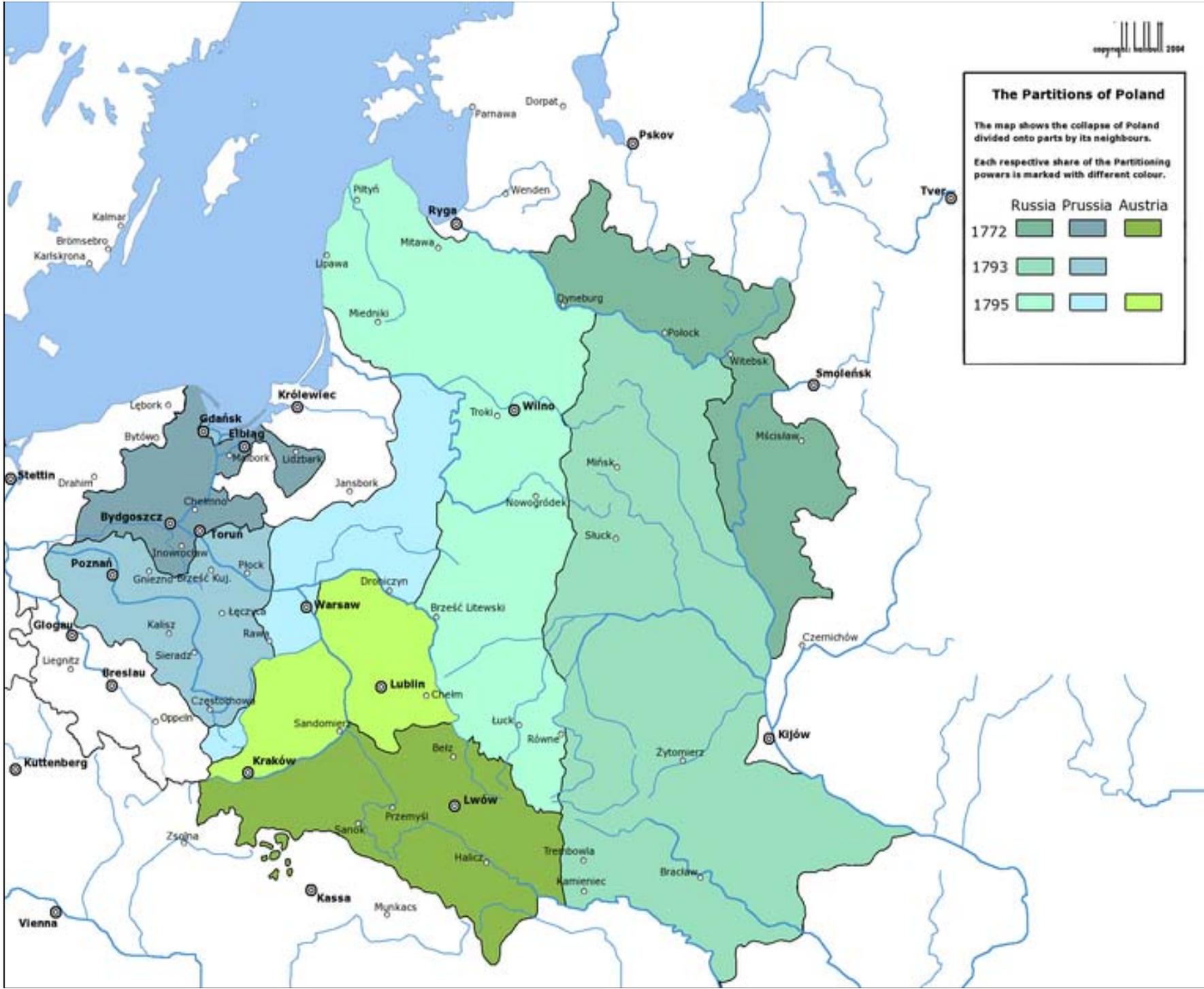
■ Territory acquired from Poland 1772-1795

### The Partitions of Poland

The map shows the collapse of Poland divided onto parts by its neighbours.

Each respective share of the Partitioning powers is marked with different colour.

	Russia	Prussia	Austria
1772			
1793			
1795			







from the Philips' New Historical Atlas for Students,  
1911



# Austria-Hungary

## Cis-Leithania

1. Bohemia
2. Bukovina
3. Carinthia
4. Carniola
5. Dalmatia
6. Galicia,
7. Küstenland
8. Lower Austria
9. Moravia
10. Salzburg
11. Silesia
12. Styria
13. Tyrol
14. Upper Austria
15. Vorarlberg

## Kingdom of Hungary

### Transleithania

16. Hungary proper
17. Croatia-Slavonia;

## Austrian-Hungarian Condominium

18. Bosnia and Herzegovina



“Where did you come from  
Papa?”

*tuteszy*

“people from here”

**Ethnic Group**

*earlier*

**Nationality**

*still earlier*

**Race**

# Citizenship

- mandatory labor  
called *Frondienst*, *robot*, *corvee*
- crop and livestock shares  
called *Zehent*, or tithe
- suffrage, or the right to vote

# Languages

**The dominant ethnic group in each half of the Empire was a minority in the area that it controlled.**

**Beginning in 1770s, a shift from Latin to the vernacular in state-supervised schools aroused ethnic awareness.**

**“Parallel schools” offered instruction in various languages if numbers warranted.**

# **Languages and the Military**

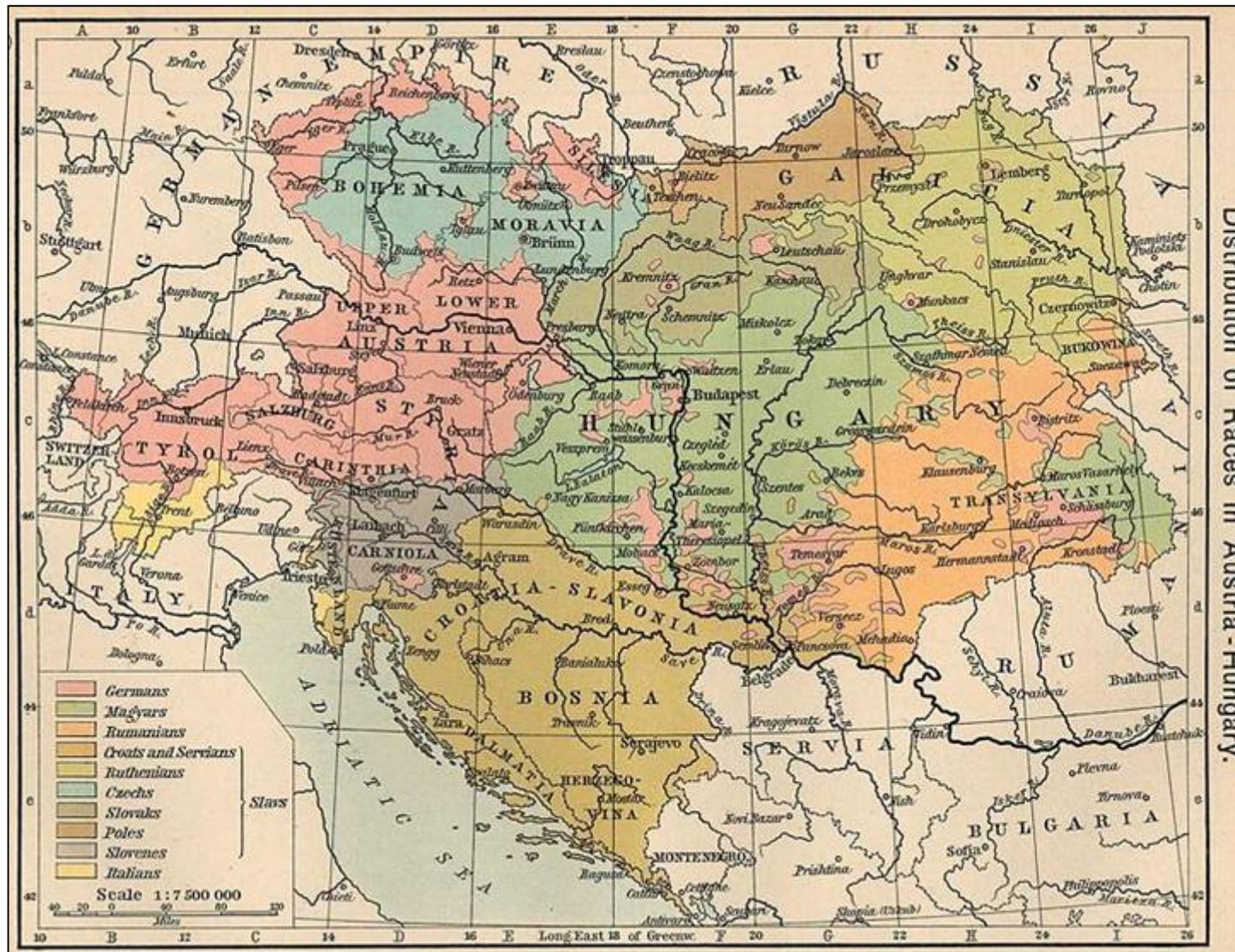
**Every male in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy was required to be available for military service from Jan. 1 in the year of his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday until Dec. 31 in the year of his 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday.**

**Because the population was made up of so many groups, each with its own language – German speaking Austrians, Hungarians, Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Ruthenians, Croats, Serbs, Slovenes, Romanians, Italians, and Islamic Slavs – the army was arranged on a territorial model.**

**Whenever possible, men from one area who spoke the same language served together.**

# Austria-Hungary Linguistic Distribution

<b>German</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Hungarian</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Czech</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Polish</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Ruthenian</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Romanian</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Croat</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Slovak</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Serb</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Slovene</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Italian</b>	<b>3%</b>



# Distribution of Races in Austria-Hungary

from the Historical Atlas by William R. Shepherd, 1911

**The world's 3 great  
monotheistic  
-“one God” -  
religions  
were represented  
in the Habsburg Empire.**

# **The oldest monotheistic religion of the world: Judaism.**

**The name derives from the patriarch Judah,  
whose name designated the tribe and tribal district  
in which Jerusalem was located.**

**The inhabitants of Judah  
and members of the tribe of Judah came  
to be called "Judahites" or in short form, "Jews."**

# Christianity:

Roman Catholicism

Orthodoxy

Greek (Eastern Rite) Catholicism

Protestantism

**Christian Protestantism includes**

**Evangelical / Lutheran**  
**Evangelical / Reformed**  
**Calvinists**  
**Anabaptists**

**The third great  
monotheistic religion is  
Islam.**

**“Muslim” is the name for one  
who submits himself to  
Allah, the one God.  
Mohammed is his Prophet.**

# Religions in Habsburg Empire, 1910

Religion/Denomination	Empire	Cisleithania	Transleithania	Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>Catholics</b>	<b>76.6%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>61.8%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>
<b>Protestants</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>E. Orthodox</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>
<b>Jewish</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Muslim</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>32.7%</b>



# Shatter Belt 1836

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Galicia1836.gif>

# Emperor Franz Josef I reigned 1848 - 1916



**What factors shaped the identities of those who lived in the Habsburg heart of Europe?**

**Ethnic Group**

**Citizenship**

*mandatory labor, suffrage*

**Languages**

*schools, military*

**Religion**

Whom do you seek,  
and for what event?

*ethnic group, citizenship,  
language, religion*

In what time frame?

At what location was it then,  
and where is it now?

*country / state, principality, district, county*

**Who made the record entry?**

**For what church  
or civil jurisdiction?**

**Where were the records held?**

**Where are they now,  
after two World Wars?**

**Important!**

**do a “place search”  
for locations, resources,  
and microfilms  
in the Family History  
Library Catalog:**

**<http://www.familysearch.org>!**