Prussia in the Seventeenth Century

What family dominated Brandenburg and Prussia?

What was Brandenburg’s standing in the Holy Roman Empire?

What kingdom was Prussia in? What happened to it in 1618?

How had the 30 Years’ War affect Prussia?

How did the 30 Years’ War lead to absolutism in Prussia?

Who was Frederick William the Great Elector?

What lands did he unify?

Who were the Junkers? What did they dominate?

What did the Estates control?

How did The Great Elector weaken their power?

How did his reign impact revenues and army size?

How did The Great Elector justify military spending?

What did the Junkers get in return for their compliance with the government?

What was the purpose of the bureaucracy?

What was the reward for Frederick’s support of the Holy Roman Emperor in the War of Spanish Succession?

The Consolidation of Prussian Absolutism

What nickname was given to Frederick William I?

Describe his relationship with the military.

What did Frederick William I do to further create an absolutist state?

How did he coopt the Junkers?

How had he improved the military?

What was the irony of this militarized state?