

### Summary

#### RESTORATION

New international system emerged after the fall of Napoleon designed to keep the balance of European powers from a position of moderation, anti-nationalism and maintenance of the status quo. (Metternich, Talleyrand).

The Vienna Congress in 1814, reached an agreement on the new borders of Europe.

The Quadruple Alliance (Russia, Prussia, Austria and Great Britain) after "the 100 days" wanted to preserve the balance of powers in Europe, and to prevent France from restoring hegemony.

The Holy Alliance (Britain didn't sign it), gave the right to intervene in any country to keep legitimate monarchs on the throne.

It was not possible to stop the political, social and economic changes initiated by the French revolution and the national movements against the Napoleonic invasions.

#### Vocabulary. Explain/define the following concepts/ persons/ institutions. Use your own words

- Balance of powers
- Alexander I
- Quadruple Alliance
- K. von Metternich
- Holy Alliance

#### DRAMA & ROLE PLAYING, MAKING LIVE HISTORY

We are going to dramatize a session of the Congress of Vienna. Several groups of 4-5 students will assume (to defend/oppose as assigned by the teacher) the positions of some relevant historical characters, such as the ones given. Students will surf the net for extra information following their teacher's indications:

- Metternich
- Castlereagh
- Hardenberg
- Talleyrand
- Gómez de Labrador
- Alexander I

All groups will pay particular attention to:

- Territorial concessions and acquisitions (a map will be provided to the meeting)
- The principle of intervention against any revolutionary principle
- The principle of institutionalized meetings or congresses to settle disputes and to avoid the war

A debate will follow in a session of the Assembly, where all the groups will discuss their positions under the control of an elected speaker.

Maps

Compare the political maps of Europe in 1789 and 1815. Which are the differences between them? Identify the European borders in 1815.

Europe in 1789



Europe in 1815

