



When the Napoleonic Wars ended finally in 1815, the conflict that had started in 1792 ended as well. European leaders met at Vienna to determine the future shape of the continent. Many wished to return to the situation that had existed before 1792. The major statesman at Vienna was Metternich. Read the course material on him and the description of the Congress of Vienna. I assigned the book written by Nicolson because he was a diplomat himself and took part in the meetings at Versailles that ended World War I. He therefore had important insights into the reordering of Europe following a major conflict, which he brought to his study of history.

I was able to get Prince Metternich to write you a note. Before you read it, click on his picture.

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