

The Crimean War: Issues, Actors, and Origins

Let's list potential causes of war and theoretical models that could help us understand the Crimean war:

Potential causes of war:

- We talked about several in class.

Theoretical models:

- We talked about several in class.



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Map_congress_of_vienna.jpg



http://www.ottomansouvenir.com/img/Maps/Ottoman_Empire_Dismemberment_1683_map.jpg

For Thursday, March 22:

Write a short essay (approximately 5-7 pages, double-spaced, typed, not including a works-cited page) in which you apply three theories we have read to the origins of the Crimean War. For each theory, clearly identify the theoretical concepts that are most salient for understanding the Crimean War and the level of analysis of those salient theoretical concepts. Also for each theory, explain how the theory helps explain the Crimean War as well as aspects of the Crimean War that the theory does not explain. Begin and end your essay with a clear theory statement of which theory you argue explains the origins of the Crimean War the best. The following outline may be used to structure your essay.

A. Introduction

- a. Thesis statement (which theory best explains the origins of the Crimean War)
- b. Which theories you apply to the Crimean War

B. Applying theories to the Crimean War

- a. Theory 1
 1. Brief summary of theory 1 and how it explains the causes of war in general
 2. Salient theoretical concepts regarding the Crimean War
 - A. Which concepts?
 - B. Why salient for the Crimean War?
 - C. Level of analysis?
 3. How theory 1 helps explain the Crimean War
 4. Aspects of the Crimean War that are not explained by theory 1
- b. Theory 2 (repeat above but for theory 2)
- c. Theory 3 (repeat above but for theory 3)

C. Evaluation of theories

- a. Which theory best explains the most important aspects of the origins of the Crimean War?
- b. How might the short-comings of the best theory be addressed in some revised theory?

D. Conclusion

- a. What theories you applied to the Crimean War

b. Recap of thesis statement