Partitions of Poland

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Political Climate in Poland

By the early 18th century, the commonwealth was a de facto Russian Satellite state.

The partitions resulted in the dissolution of parliament, as well as an uprising that was quickly put down by Prussia and Austria.
Political Climate in Russia

Already had strong influence on politics in Poland, and the commonwealth relied on Russia as a counter to Prussia’s expansion.

Russia had just won the Russo-Turkish War, gaining land just south of Poland.
Political Climate in Prussia

Growing in power and influence in the past century to rival Russia, separated by only Poland between them.

Prussia had just finished Seven Years War, and didn’t want to start a war with Russia.
Political Climate in Austria

Was threatened by Russia’s expansion after the Russo-Turkish War.

France suggested Austria join in the partitioning of Poland in order to avoid war and make things more fair between Russia and Prussia.
Pomorsko-Malborskie-Chełminskie Territory (PMC Territory)

Prussia : 25

Russia : 10

Contained the major port cities of Gdańsk and Gdynia.
## Western Polish Territory

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Key location connecting the Central, Southern, and PMC territories; as well as arable soil.
Central Polish Territory

Prussia : 30

Russia : 40

Contains Warsaw, Poland’s Capital and leadership.
Former Livonian Territory

Prussia : 0

Russia : 5

A former Russian territory that has a high population of ethnic russians.
Former Belarusian Territory

Prussia : 0

Again, former Russian territory, with lots of ethnic russians.

Russia : 5
Southern Polish Territory

Prussia : 15
Larger territory that borders the Central territory and had major cities Kraków and Lwów. Contained very valuable rock salt deposits.

Russia : 10
Eastern Polish Territory

Prussia : 0

Very large but sparse, un-arable land. No major cities. Connects to the Central Polish Territory and Warsaw.

Russia : 10
# First Round

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Second Round

Splitting Southern Polish Territory:

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\begin{align*}
\text{Prussia} & \quad \text{Russia} \\
70 - 15x & = 60 + 10x \\
x & = \frac{7}{5}
\end{align*}
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Prussia : 64, Russia : 64
The Partitions of Poland

The map shows the collapse of Poland divided into parts by its neighbours. Each respective share of the Partitioning powers is marked with different colour.

- Russia
- Prussia
- Austria

1772: Green
1793: Light Green
1795: Blue
Results

The first and second partitions matched our method quite accurately, except for the Lwów Territory which we had given to Russia but was in reality allocated to Austria.

The main difference was with the Central Polish Territory containing Warsaw, which Prussia ended up controlling.