

## "All Else is Mine"

### Prussian Absolutism Under the Spartan King



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Frederick William, the Great Elector

Hey Girl, as a Great Elector of Prussia and Brandenburg I would think I would get some mad props, but the Holy Roman Emperor has got his hands tied by the Thirty Years' War and he just keeps frontin' and disrespecting my turf. What's a brother gotta do?

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## Prussia

- The Potsdam Führer:
- Rise to Power
  - "Crown Prince Party" (22 yrs)
- Kanton System
- Technology
- Tobacco colloquium
- General Directory
- General Staff for Army

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# Prussia

- ↳ **The Potsdam Führer: Frederick William I (cont'd)**
  - ↳ **Image of the King**
    - ↳ Parsimonious, Pious, Puritanical work-ethic
    - ↳ Strict mercantilism
  - ↳ **"Le Caractère Bizarre"**
    - ↳ "Half-barbaric"
    - ↳ Disdain of Baroque culture & diplomatic protocol
    - ↳ Canes, pistols, & rocksalt
    - ↳ Anti-Intellectualism
      - ↳ (Acad. of Sciences)
  - ↳ **The education of his son (Fred II)**
    - ↳ FII = polar opposite of FWI
    - ↳ FII and family act as "opposition party" to FWI's interests
    - ↳ FII & von Katte's failed escape leads to death sentence



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