Habsburg-Valois Wars
France

- Valois family
  - Royal Family of France
- Keep Germany divided
- Catholic
Holy Roman Empire

- Catholic
- Habsburg Family
  - Austrian Royal Family of HRE
  - Gains rule of Spain in 1516
Italian City-States

• Constantly at War

• Strongest:
  – Venice
  – Milan
  – Florence
  – Papal States
  – Kingdom of Naples

• Mostly Oligarchies
  – Run as Monarchies
Milan vs. Venice

- Venice declares war on Milan
  - Protest of Francesco Sforza’s acquisition of the title, Duke of Milan.
- Florence and Naples support Milan
Beginning of the 1st Italian War

- Florence and Naples
  - Agreement to invade Milan
- Venice
  - Still fighting Milan
- Calls on French King Charles VIII for help
Naples

- Aragonese and French argued for rule
  – Given to Aragon (Spain)
- Charles VIII invades in 1494
  – Takes rule of Naples
- League of Venice
  – Northern Italian City-states against the French
Battle of Fornovo

- July 6, 1495
- Charles’ army marches north
- The League of Venice marches south
- The League is pushed across a river by the French
  - French victory
- French leave behind their provisions
  - Must leave
  - Italian strategic victory
After the 1st War

• Ferdinand II of Spain took power in Naples
  – Help from Spanish General Gonzalo Fernández de Córdoba
  – All French land in Naples destroyed

• Charles VIII died
  – 1498
  – Louis XII becomes king of France
2nd War

- Louis XII of France invades Lombardy and Milan in 1499
  - Claims duchy of Milan via grandfather
  - Taken by force
- Maximilian I, HRE
  - Invades Italy to resolve the Florence vs Pisa
  - Florentines Reject any settlement
- Florentines call for French aide to conquer Pisa
End of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} War

• France (based in Milan) and Florentines attack Pisa
  – Siege broken in 1500 and retreat north
• Louis XII and Ferdinand II of Spain agree to split Naples
  – Criticized in \textit{The Prince} by Nicolo Machiavelli
• Naples taken by the Spanish/French Alliance
• France forced to leave after the Battle of Cerignola and Battle of Garigliano
  – Spain vs France
War of the League of Cambrai

- League of Cambrai
  - Created 1508
  - Pope Julius II
  - King Louis XII of France
  - Maximilian I, HRE
  - Ferdinand II, King of Spain
  - Anti Venetian Alliance
  - Destroyed in 1510
LoC war cont.

- Louis XII saw Julius II as a greater threat
  - France allies with Venice
- Julius II made a holy league against France
  - Included England, Spain, HRE
- Battle of Novara
  - French vs Spanish
  - Got rid of French rule in Italy
1521-1526

- Pope Leo X
  - Wants Francis I as HRE
- Charles of Spain (Charles V)
  - Becomes HRE AND King of Spain
  - Collapse of French and Habsburg relations
- Francis I declares War on Charles V
  - Surrounded by war
- Ended with the Treaty of Madrid, 1526
War of League of Cognac

- League of Cognac against Charles V
  - Pope Clement VII
  - Francis I, Henry VIII, Venice, Florence, Milan
- Francis I takes back control of Milan
- Charles V threatens Clement VII
  - Will attack papacy if they join with the French
- Charles V subdued Florence and Rome
  - Clermont imprisoned
  - League collapsed
  - Ended through the Treaty of Cambrai
    - Renounced all land in Italy owned by Francis I
1536-38

• Duke of Milan dies -1535
  – Francis I attempts to take Milan
  – Promised to Charles’ son Philip
• France takes Turin (Northern Italian City)
• Charles V invades Provence
  – Distracts him from Italy
• Ottoman Empire aligns with France
• Ended with the Treaty of Nice
  – Left Turin to the French
1542-46

• Francis I & Suleiman I of the Ottoman Empire
  – War on HRE
• Took city of Nice
• Charles V and Henry VIII invade France
  – took several cities
  – Lack of cooperation
    • Conquest abandoned
1551-1559

- Herny II succeeds Francis I
  - War on Charles V for Italy
  - Valois domination of politics
- French Defeated, but still regained land
- Charles V abdicated both thrones
  - Holy Roman Empire to Ferdinand I, HRE
  - Spain to Phillip II of Spain
  - Split the Habsburg Family
- War shifted to Flanders
  - Philip II defeated the French
Ending

• Treaty of Cateau-Cambresis, 1559
• Spain defeats France
  – Obtains Sicily, Naples and Milan
    • Strong influence in Papal States and Tuscany
Importance

- Last dynastical war
- Led to the Golden Age of Spain
- Retarded the unification of Germany
- Destroyed the power of Italian States
- Served as an excuse for the greatest political conflict of the 16th century
- Decline in art, literature and education not related to Catholicism in Italy
- Rise of Art, literature, and greater education in other countries
- Created the idea known as Reason of State
  - A difference in human morality and state morality