

Revolutions in Europe and Latin America (1790–1848)

SECTION 1

AN AGE OF IDEOLOGIES

TEXT SUMMARY

At the Congress of Vienna in 1815, European leaders tried to return Europe to the way it had been before the French Revolution. (See Chapter 19.) These leaders were part of a group known as **conservatives**. Conservatives included monarchs, noble landowners, and church leaders. Conservatives wanted to return the kings of Europe to power and restore historic social classes. Conservative ideas also appealed to peasants who wanted to preserve traditional ways.

Liberals disagreed with the ideas of the conservatives. Liberals included members of the middle class. Many of their ideas came from the Enlightenment. Liberals wanted governments to be based on written constitutions. They believed that

people had natural rights. Disagreements between conservatives and liberals led to 30 years of turmoil in Europe.

Another challenge to the conservatives came from the **nationalists**. They believed that each national group should have its own country. For centuries, European rulers had won and lost territory in war. They passed lands back and forth, from one country to another. By 1815, several European empires included people of many different nationalities. Nationalists wanted to create their own homelands. During the 1800s, nationalist groups across Europe revolted against the empires.

THE BIG IDEA

Conflicts arose in Europe between people with opposing systems of thought and belief.

GRAPHIC SUMMARY: *Liberal and Conservative Ideas in the 1800s*

	LIBERALS	CONSERVATIVES
Who they were	Lawyers, business owners, writers, and other members of the middle class	Kings, noble landowners, and church leaders
Who should rule	Male property owners	King and nobles
Goals of government	Protect natural rights	Keep peace and order
What kind of government	Republic with constitution and separation of powers	Monarchy
Business	Laissez faire	Government regulated business

Liberals challenged conservatives at every turn.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- Which groups made up the conservatives?
- Chart Skills** According to liberals, what were the goals of government? According to conservatives?