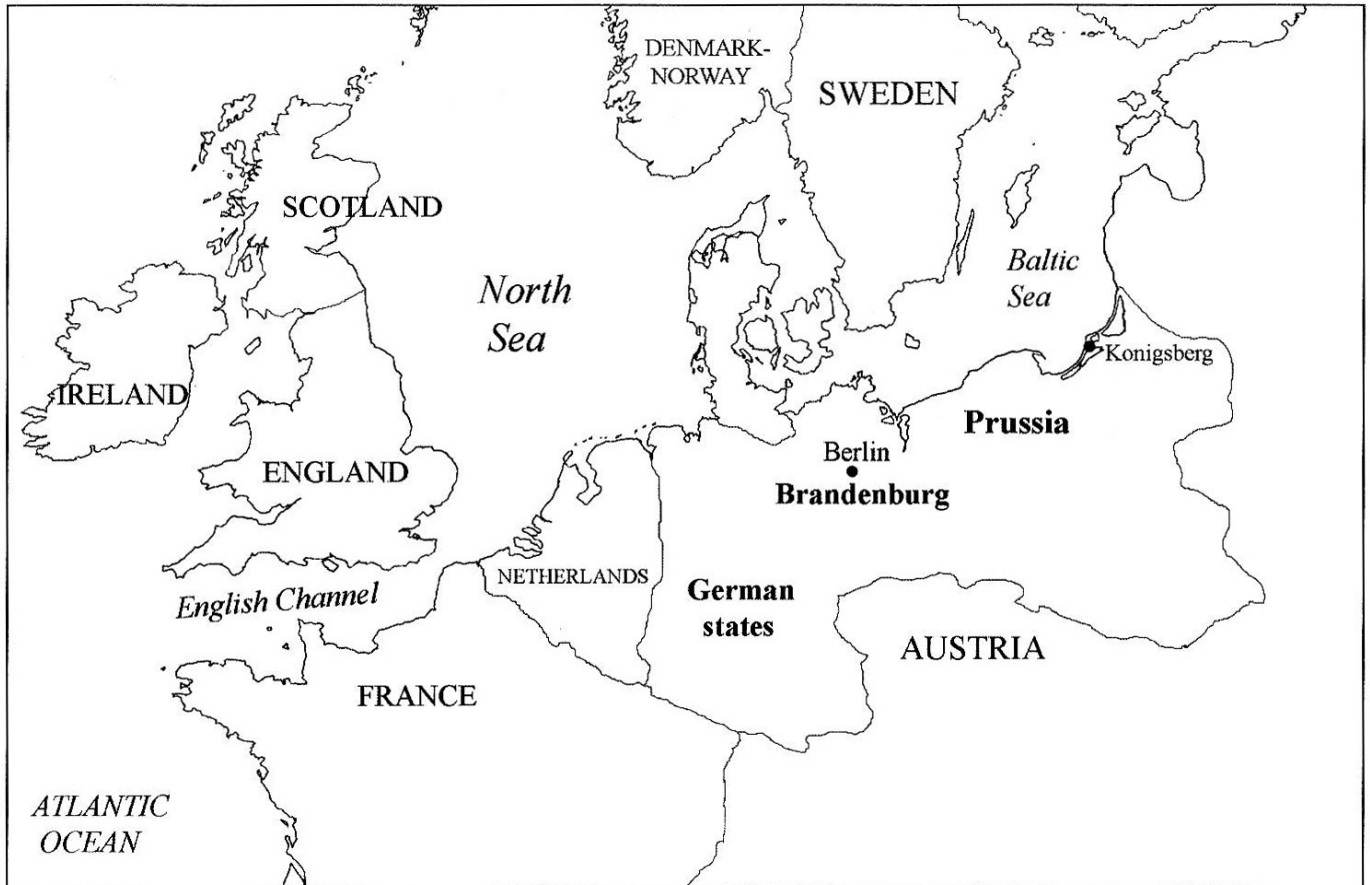


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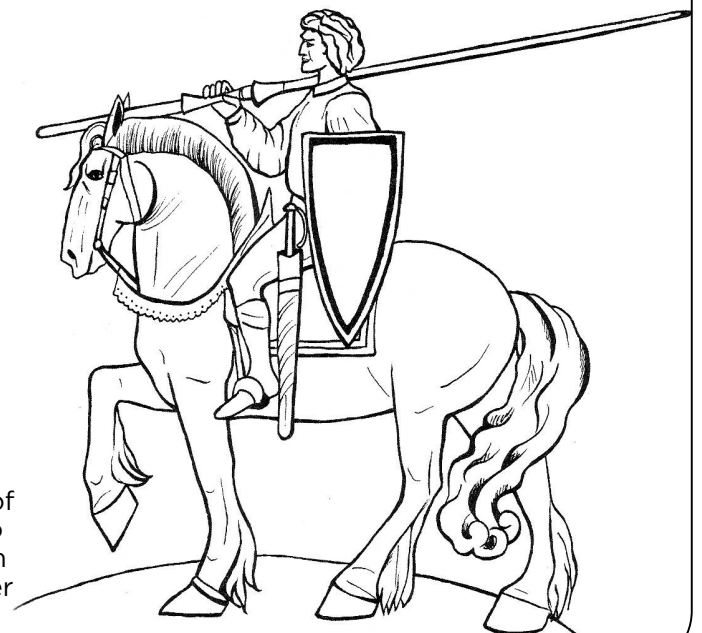


- People in countries like England and Spain thought of themselves as English or Spanish.
- People in Germany did not think of themselves as German. They thought of themselves as citizens of the small German state they belonged to. Brandenburg was one of those small states.
- Prince Frederick ruled Brandenburg, which was part of the Holy Roman Empire. He also ruled Prussia, which was outside of the borders of the Holy Roman Empire.
- Frederick wanted to be an absolute monarch of both Brandenburg and Prussia, but he knew the Holy Roman Emperor would not give it to him. So he *behaved* like an absolute monarch and called both territories "Prussia".

NEW WORDS!

Reich - the German word for *kingdom*

Frederick I encouraged all of his people to think of themselves as citizens of the German kingdom of Prussia. Now, Prussia belonged to the first *Reich*, or the first German kingdom. This is a common soldier of the First Reich.



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