

Causes of the Spanish Civil War

2: Spain Before 1923 – **HOMEWORK MAP TASK**

- The roots of the Spanish Civil War can be traced back to the deep-seated geographical, regional, economic, social, and religious divisions in the country.
- Your task is to produce a labelled, colour-coded map of Spain to highlight the main divisions that existed before Primo de Rivera's military coup of 1923.
- Tick off each of these features as you add them to your map. You should hand in this sheet to your teacher with your completed map when you are finished.

Main Cities			
Madrid		[For each of these cities, label them on the map and note whose side they joined at the outset of the Civil War - Nationalist cities in one colour, Republican cities in another].	
Barcelona			
Valencia			
Saragossa			
Seville			
Cadiz			
Regional Tensions		Points to note	
North	Basque Region	Language: Basque	"All these regions are fiercely proud of their independent culture. These regions of Spain are where its industries were based"
	Catalonia	Language: Catalan	
	Galicia	Language: Galician	
	Asturias	Language: Asturian	
Centre	Aragon	Language: Spanish	"The political union of these two Northern monarchies following the marriage of Ferdinand of Aragon and Isabella of Castile in 1469 created modern Spain"
	Castile		
South	Andalucia	Language: Spanish	"The main region in the Southern half of Spain, characterised by a much hotter climate, African cultural influences and a primarily agricultural economy"
	Morocco	"A stretch of this country's North African coastline remained the last Spanish overseas possession after the loss of Cuba in 1898. A military defeat here in 1921 destabilised Spain, and it was from here that Franco launched his attack upon the Second Republic in 1936"	
Economic / Social Tensions			
Industry	"In the North were the industrial regions of Spain, particularly the area running from Barcelona to the Basque country. The industrial workers lived in poor conditions"		
Agriculture	"In the South were the vast, inefficient private estates or latifundia worked by landless labourers. Roughly half of farmworkers lived on the edge of starvation"		
Political / Military Tensions			
[Complete your map with a diagram / label . table / grid illustrating the points to the right]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional and economic divisions created deep social tensions. (a) Rich, Monarchist, Reactionaries = The Army (vastly overstuffed with one general for every 100 soldiers after the loss of Empire in 1898) and the Landowners (7000 owners owned 15 million acres of land). Support the Conservatives, Fascists. (b) Poor, Republican, Reformers = The Proletariat, the Peasantry and the National Minorities. Support the Socialists, the Anarchists. 		
Religious Tensions			
[Complete your map with a diagram / label / table / grid illustrating the points to the right]	The Catholic Religion was claimed by all groups in Spain as their own and so was in a uniquely powerful position. On the one hand, the Catholic Church hierarchy was wealthy, powerful and deeply conservative; on the other hand the Catholic faith itself remained deeply important to ordinary people.		

Spain in 1936
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