Crash Course European History: Viewing Guide
Episode 11: 17th Century Crisis

Terms to know from this episode:
- Little Ice Age
- Price Revolution
- 30 Years War
- Ferdinand II
- Defenestration of Prague
- Christian IV
- Albrecht von Wallenstein
- Gustavus Adolphus
- Louis XIII of France
- Peace of Westphalia (1648)

1. Before watching, ask yourself, what 16th Century events had led to instability in Europe?

2. ___________________________ began in 1300, but it escalated in 1570 and cooled more for ________________ years after that. The average temperature drop was about ________________.

3. Give two causes of the Price Revolution that led to an increase in prices for food and other goods:
   ○ ____________________________
   ○ ____________________________

4. ““Every nation is turned upside down, leading some great minds to suspect that we are approaching the ________________.”

5. When Ferdinand II, the new Catholic king of Bohemia sent representatives to inform Protestants of Prague that it would now be Catholic territory, what happened to the messengers?

6. Soon after the Defenestration, Ferdinand II became _____________________________.

7. The Czechs were defeated by Hapsburg forces in 1620 at the Battle of _____________________________.

8. Catholic Hapsburg Ferdinand II led the Hapsburg forces, and _____________________________.

   led the Protestant aristocrats of Central Europe. Ferdinand’s victories led to him awarding ____________ to his allies and forcing residents of conquered areas to convert to Catholicism or move.
9. Catholic forces seemed poised to win the war until __________________________ of Denmark joined Protestant forces to block imperial expansion and protect Protestants.

10. ________________________________________________________________ conquered territories so successfully that Ferdinand constantly awarded him with more _________________________.

11. Name 2 other countries/regions that joined the Protestant cause after Wallenstein’s by confiscating Protestant lands and returning them to Catholic control.
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12. When Christian IV lost half his army in the battle of Lutter, Ferdinand II issued the ________________________________ in 1629, confiscating former Catholic lands and forcing non-Catholics to emigrate.

13. Give an example of how the war was not JUST about religion.

14. Give an example of one of the atrocities suffered by civilians.

15. In 1634, Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II had his own general Wallenstein ________________________ because he thought he might be planning a coup to overthrow him.

16. Overall, about _________________% of the European population died, some 20 percent of the central European population died, while in areas of intense and continuous fighting, it was closer to _________%.

17. What do you predict might happen after this kind of devastation?

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