

## Absolute Monarchs and Europe Louis XIV and Peter the Great Guided Notes

- \_\_\_\_\_: King or Queen, holds all power, controls every aspect of society
  - Believe in \_\_\_\_\_ - The idea that God created the Monarch and was Gods representative on Earth
    - Typically raised large armies and increased taxes.
- Background Information for France:
- \_\_\_\_\_: Law signed by \_\_\_\_\_ of France (1598).
  - Grants Religious freedom to Protestants.
  - Henry converts from Calvinism to Roman Catholicism.
  - Brings the Wars of Religion to an end. (started 1562)
- France fought 11 civil wars across four decades.
- Nobles have some power and influence over the state.
- Louis XIV
- 1643: Louis XIV is king of France at four years old.
  - Nobles ruled until Louis matured into an adult.
- \_\_\_\_\_ assumed control (22 years old).
  - Married his first cousin: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Marie's father was King Philip IV of Spain.
  - Consolidate power
  - Head of power for 72 years—longer than anyone else to this time period!!
- The Reign of Louis XIV.
- Reduced the power of Nobles by not inviting them to councils.
  - Centralized Power to the state (Louis)
- He removed himself from the commoners by building the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Aristocrats (Nobles) would compete to watch Louis wake up, eat meals, and prepare for bed!!!
- Palace of Versailles
  - Could house up to about 10,000 people
  - Hosted lavish banquets, dances, and games that kept the nobility too busy to cause trouble for the king.

- Historians have called the Palace of Versailles the “\_\_\_\_\_” for its ability to neutralize any threats with entertainment.
- The “Sun King”
  - Louis spent over \$2 Billion dollars to build the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It took thousands of workers to run the palace.
- \_\_\_\_\_ lived on the palace grounds to court favor with the king.
  - Nobles spent a lot of money to try to match Louis’ fashion expectations.
- Louis XIV The Sun King—Policies
  - Revoked the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Protestants move out of France.
  - Gains favorability from Roman Catholics.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (finance minister of France) reduced debt and promoted Industrialization.
- Louis fired his Chief Minister and proclaimed himself “head of state”.
  - Uses the image of “\_\_\_\_\_” as the center of the world, he too was center of his kingdom, To be known in history as “The Sun King”.
- Removed Nobles: replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ (common people)
  - Intendants owed their new status to Louis. Would collect taxes, administer justice, and served as the kings council.
  - Easy to be dismissed, arrested, or executed.
- Louis XIV The Sun King—Policies and events
  - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Transfer of power
    - 1667-1688
    - Took Spanish Netherlands
      - Claimed it as his wife's inheritance
  - Sparks anger in Europe!
    - English, Swedes, and the Dutch pressure Louis to return the lands to Spain.
  - Franco-Dutch War

- France gains more territory.
- Louis XIV Lasting impacts
  - Other European countries fear the rise of France
    - France too much power
    - Too much territory over seas
    - France claims Lorraine
- France is in heavy \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rich people adore him
  - Famine effects poor populations the most
- France sees itself as a major power in Europe.
- Background of Russia before Peter.
- Rise of the \_\_\_\_\_ (1697)
  - Family that reigns control over Russia
    - No clear line of succession
- Russia is a Feudal (nobles called \_\_\_\_\_) land with serfs. Boyars fight each other.
- Agricultural economy and society.
- Strictly followed \_\_\_\_\_
  - View Western Europeans as Heretics.
- Russia is geographically isolated from other European countries.
  - Only some German and Dutch traders in Moscow
  - One port trade city, Archangel. Frozen most of the year.
- Peter Czar (Caesar)
- Nobles Fighting– Many Military conflicts impact Peter= Too much power in the Nobles.
- Toured Western \_\_\_\_\_ to study:
  - Military
  - Political structures
  - Economy
  - Culture
- Peter the Great Policy Changes

- Took control of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Appointed a \_\_\_\_\_ directly under his control.
- Begins reforms to have more power for himself and less for Boyars (nobles).
- Told \_\_\_\_\_ to dress “Western” or “Modern” (European).
- Elevated the status of Russian noblewomen.
- Declared \_\_\_\_\_ to be OUTLAWED!!!
  - Changed to fines/taxes.
- Established a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Established schools of navigation, arts, and science.
- Tried practicing \_\_\_\_\_ to willing and unwilling patients.
- Peter the Great's Legacy
- 1703: Creates the city \_\_\_\_\_ to allow trade with Western Europe. (port city) (stolen from Sweden)
  - w/port city (warm water)= \_\_\_\_\_!!!!
  - Orders the city to be designed in the \_\_\_\_\_ style. (Smolny Cathedral to the right)
  - Would serve as the modern capital and the “window to Europe”.
- Peter the Great's Legacy
- 1721: Declares Russia an \_\_\_\_\_. Declares himself “The Great” as well as Emperor.
- Removed Nobles from power and replaced them with people from lesser families.
  - New appointees could get generous land grants which won their loyalty and respect.
- Peter the Great's Lasting Impact
  - Russia has a modernized army and navy.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ = direct access to trade with the west (modernizes Russia).
  - Russia is highly centralized.
  - Russia becomes an empire.
  - Russia separated from \_\_\_\_\_.