

# **Absolute Monarchs of Europe!**

*Instructions: After reading all the articles on absolute monarchs of Europe, please create a Google Doc and answer the following questions. Remember to label the sections on your document. You do not have to type the question.*

- *The first set of questions is regarding the article titled “Absolutism: The Time of Absolute Monarchs!.”*
- *The second set of questions should be applied to the articles about ALL 5 ABSOLUTE MONARCHS: Louis XIV, Peter the Great, Maria Theresa, Frederick the Great, & Charles I of England.*

## **Absolutism: The Time of Absolute Monarchs!**

1. What 2 groups caused the monarchs of Europe to struggle to establish their authority?
2. Explain the theory of divine right.
3. Re-read the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph under the section: Divine Right of Kings. Summarize the reasons kings of Europe were able to centralize their power to become absolute rulers.
4. Describe the luxury and extravagance of the first absolute monarch, Louis XIV of France.
5. Use the example of the building of St. Petersburg to describe the absolute power of Peter the Great.
6. According to Frederick the Great of Prussia, what was the “fundamental role of governments?”
7. Why did absolute monarchs engage in almost constant warfare in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries?
8. Although the era of Absolute Monarchs created effective government, what was the effect on the lower classes? (Teacher’s note: this predicts the Age of Revolutions of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.)

## **Questions About the Absolute Monarchs:**

### **Louis XIV:**

1. What country did this absolute monarch rule?
2. What years did this absolute monarch rule?
3. What are 3 accomplishments of this absolute monarch?
4. Write a quote that shows this absolute monarch’s goals, political agenda, or accomplishments.

### **Peter the Great:**

1. What country did this absolute monarch rule?
2. What years did this absolute monarch rule?
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## **Maria Theresa:**

1. What country did this absolute monarch rule?
2. What years did this absolute monarch rule?
3. What are 3 accomplishments of this absolute monarch?
4. Write a quote that shows this absolute monarch's goals, political agenda, or accomplishments.

## **Frederick the Great:**

1. What country did this absolute monarch rule?
2. What years did this absolute monarch rule?
3. What are 3 accomplishments of this absolute monarch?
4. Write a quote that shows this absolute monarch's goals, political agenda, or accomplishments.

## **Charles I of England:**

1. What country did this absolute monarch rule?
2. What years did this absolute monarch rule?
3. What are 3 accomplishments of this absolute monarch?
4. Write a quote that shows this absolute monarch's goals, political agenda, or accomplishments.