

Changes in European Society

1500–1820

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Themes

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Beginning in the 1500s, scientists began developing new ways to study the world through the use of observation and reason.

ARTS AND IDEAS

Enlightenment ideas led to new ways of thinking about personal freedoms and rights and about the progress of humanity.

GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENSHIP

Enlightenment thought also influenced the structure of democratic governments in the United States and France.

This painting shows nobles bowing to King Louis XVI of France.

The Monarchs of Europe

THE BIG PICTURE

Throughout the 1500s, global discoveries and exploration brought new wealth and prestige to Europe's monarchs. Kings, queens, and emperors ruled with few limits on their power. Over the next three centuries, their power was challenged by internal problems, rebellions, and wars.

Theme ARTS AND IDEAS

How should monarchs rule? How much power should they have? These were questions that Europeans tried to answer during the age of absolute monarchs. Although conflicts were common throughout these centuries, the arts and literature flourished.



Charles II's Cavalcade through the City of London, 22nd April, 1661, by Dirck Stoop, 1662

TIME LINE

CHAPTER EVENTS

1519
Charles V begins rule of the Holy Roman Empire.

1547
Ivan IV becomes czar of Russia.

1572
Huguenots die in the Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre.

1588
England defeats the Spanish Armada.

The Thirty Years' War 1618–1648

1653
Oliver Cromwell is named Lord Protector in England.

WORLD EVENTS

1501 Amerigo Vespucci explores the coast of Brazil.

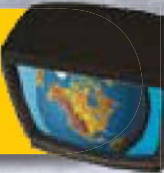
1526
Babur founds the Mughal Empire in India.

1603
Tokugawa Ieyasu becomes shogun of Japan.

1620
The Pilgrims land on the Massachusetts coast.

History's Impact video program

Watch the video to understand the impact of Spain's Golden Century.



1714

The War of the Spanish Succession ends.

1762

Catherine the Great becomes czarina of Russia.

1800

1707

The Mughal Empire of India begins to disintegrate.

1776

The British colonies of North America declare their independence.

Reading like a Historian

Throughout the centuries from 1500 to 1800, monarchs liked to display their grandeur. In this painting, Charles II of England parades through London the day before he is crowned.

Analyzing Visuals What do you think historians can learn from this painting?

See **Skills Handbook**, p. H26

GEOGRAPHY Starting Points



Interactive

MONARCHS OF EUROPE



Henry VIII
(1491–1547)
wanted to make England independent of the pope and increase his personal power.



Catherine the Great
(1729–1796)
wanted to expand Russia's territory and make Russia more European.




Louis XIV
(1638–1715)
wanted fame for himself and glory for France.



Philip II
(1527–1598)
wanted to spread the Roman Catholic faith and conquer England.



Maria Theresa
(1717–1780)
wanted to strengthen Austria and reclaim lost territory.

 Spain and its possessions

Starting Points

European monarchs, some of whom are pictured above, began to increase their power in about 1500. The kings, queens, emperors, and empresses had conflicting goals, though. As a result, wars were common. This map of Europe in 1650 gives clues to some of the issues these monarchs faced.

- Analyze** How might the location of Spain's possessions have been both an advantage and a disadvantage for Spain?
- Predict** Based on the map and the monarchs' goals described in the captions, what conflicts do you think developed? Where do you think wars broke out?



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SECTION

1

The Power of Spain

BEFORE YOU READ

MAIN IDEA

Spain experienced a golden age during the 1500s, but economic problems and military struggles decreased Spanish power by the 1600s.

READING FOCUS

1. What challenges did King Charles I face when he became Emperor Charles V?
2. What were some artistic achievements of Spain's golden age?
3. How did Spain rise and then decline under Philip II?

KEY TERMS AND PEOPLE

absolute monarch
divine right
Charles V
Peace of Augsburg
Philip II
El Greco
Diego Velázquez
Miguel de Cervantes
Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz
Spanish Armada

TAKING NOTES

Take notes to record examples of Spain's strengths and weaknesses during the 1500s and 1600s.

Strengths	
Weaknesses	



The KING of SPAIN SPEAKS NO SPANISH

THE INSIDE STORY

Why did the king of Spain speak no Spanish?

In 1516, a thin and sickly 16-year-old boy named Charles became king of Spain. In some ways, Charles would not seem to be a likely candidate for the Spanish throne. After all, he was born in Belgium, raised by Austrian relatives, and grew up speaking French. When Charles became king, his ignorance of the Spanish language made him a foreigner in the eyes of the Spanish. Charles proved to everyone that he could learn quickly, though. He mastered Spanish along with other languages. In fact, Charles is said to have spoken “Spanish to God, Italian to women, French to men, and German to his horse.” He needed all those languages, because Charles became not only king of Spain but also Holy Roman Emperor. In that role, he ruled an empire that stretched across much of Europe. ■

The King Becomes Emperor

In 1516 the teenaged Charles became King Charles I of Spain. Although he was inexperienced, Charles had at least one kingly trait. As a member of the ancient and powerful Hapsburg family, he was prepared to rule as an **absolute monarch**—a ruler whose power was not limited by having to consult with the nobles, common people, or their representatives. Moreover, absolute monarchs generally believed that they ruled by **divine right**. This concept held that the monarchs received their power from God and therefore must not be challenged. From about 1500 through the 1700s, absolute monarchs tried to impose their will across much of Europe and even to lands far beyond. In Spain, Charles struggled to keep the territories within his empire under control.

Achievements in Art and Literature

Spain's prominence in European affairs in the 1500s and 1600s is reflected in the important role it had in art and literature. **How might wealth from the Americas have affected Spain's artistic achievements?**

Plate made of gold acquired in the Americas ►



▲ Stormy skies over Toledo in an El Greco painting

View of Toledo, by El Greco, c. 1597

Charles V and the Empire When Charles became king of Spain, his territory also included the Low Countries of Belgium and the Netherlands, along with colonies in the Americas. He had inherited all these lands. Then in 1519 the throne of the Holy Roman Empire became vacant. The position was elective, so Charles borrowed money to buy the votes. He became Holy Roman Emperor as **Charles V**. As a result, his holdings expanded to parts of Italy, Austria, and various German states. The resulting empire was so vast that Charles liked to say the “sun never set” over it.

Ruling all the separate states was not an easy task. Charles faced enemies on all sides. Ottoman Turks, the French, and rebellious German princes all fought him.

At the same time, Charles was fighting for religious control over Europe. As Holy Roman Emperor, Charles wanted Europe to be Roman Catholic. His power was closely connected to the power of the Catholic Church, so the growing Protestant movement threatened his influence. In 1521 Charles confronted Protestant leader Martin Luther directly, declaring him an outlaw. In spite of Charles's efforts, Protestants gained influence, and rebellions against Catholic rulers spread.

After years of devastating wars between Catholics and Protestants, Charles V had to sign the **Peace of Augsburg**. The agreement,

signed in 1555, gave each German prince the right to decide whether his state would be Catholic or Protestant. Thus, Charles's vision of a Catholic Europe never became reality. Moreover, constant warfare had brought him to the brink of bankruptcy.

Charles V achieved more success in the Americas than he did in Europe. During his reign, Spanish explorers claimed much of the Americas for Spain. Among the explorers he supported were Hernán Cortés, who conquered the Aztec Empire, and Francisco de Coronado, who explored the American Southwest region. Within 20 years of those early explorations, silver and gold began to flow from the American colonies—especially those in Bolivia, Peru, and Mexico—bringing Spain fabulous wealth.

Dividing the Empire Charles V gave up his thrones in 1556, frustrated by his failures in Europe. He decided to divide his large empire between his brother and his son. His brother took over the old Hapsburg holdings in Austria. His son, who became **Philip II**, ruled the Netherlands, Spain, Sicily, and Spain's colonies in the Americas. Charles V lived the rest of his life in a Spanish monastery, his dream of a unified empire unfulfilled.

READING CHECK Draw Conclusions In what ways was Charles V successful as an emperor? In what ways was he unsuccessful?

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

region an area with one or more common features



Las Meninas, or The Maids in Waiting, by Diego Velázquez, c. 1656

◀ The painter can be seen before his easel in this scene of court life.



Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz with the small picture that was part of her nun's habit, or clothing



▲ The title page of the first edition of *Don Quixote*

Artistic Achievements

Just as Spain exerted political power, it also influenced European culture. From about 1550 to 1650 Spain had a golden age, known as the Golden Century, of artistic achievement.

Art One of the most prominent painters was a Greek, Domenicos Theotocopoulos, who became known as **El Greco**. Much of his work was religious and reflected Spain's central role in the Counter-Reformation. El Greco's style is famous for elongated human figures.

Another Spanish painter, **Diego Velázquez**, created masterpieces that portray people of all social classes with great dignity. Velázquez had the privilege of being the court painter.

Literature The Spanish golden age also produced fine writers, the greatest being **Miguel de Cervantes**. His most famous work, *Don Quixote de la Mancha*, is about a man who is caught between the medieval and modern worlds.

Writers in Spain's colonies also produced works of merit. A Mexican nun named **Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz** wrote poetry, prose, and plays. Church officials criticized Sister Juana for some of her ideas, for example, her belief that women had a right to education.

READING CHECK Summarize What were some achievements of Spain's Golden Century?

Spain under Philip II

Spain reached the peak of its grandeur during the reign of Philip II. One reason for this prosperity was the steady stream of gold and silver that flowed from its American colonies. With this immense wealth, Spain's power grew considerably. Eventually, though, American gold could not solve Spain's problems.

Religion and Revolt Like his father, King Philip II was a devout Catholic and saw himself as a leader of the Counter-Reformation. A chance to spread Catholicism came when Philip married Queen Mary I of England, who was also Catholic. She died, though, before she could give birth to an heir who could have returned England to the Catholic faith.

Philip also wanted to secure the position of Catholicism in his European territories. But his faith clashed with the Calvinist Protestantism that was spreading through the northern provinces of the Low Countries (the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg). A bloody revolt began in the 1560s when the Dutch refused to declare allegiance to Philip. To punish them, he sent an army under the command of the Duke of Alba. Alba set up a court, known locally as the Court of Blood, that tortured and executed thousands of people suspected of being rebels. Such cruelties only made the situation worse, and rebellion broke out anew.

The revolt dragged on for decades. Finally, in 1609, a truce was reached. The seven northern provinces formed the independent nation of the Netherlands, while the southern provinces remained in Spanish hands.

Spain and England Long before the Dutch revolt ended, it had deepened another rivalry. That conflict was between Spain and England. As fellow Protestants, the English had sent aid to the Dutch rebels. England's assistance to the Dutch infuriated Philip, but he was also worried about English attacks on his ships. England's Queen Elizabeth I was allowing her ship captains to attack Spanish treasure ships coming from America. These ship captains, known as the sea dogs, stole the gold and silver for England. Sir Francis Drake was one of the most infamous sea dogs. Drake even destroyed 30 ships in a Spanish harbor.

King Philip II wanted to stop England from raiding his ships and to return England to the Catholic Church, from which it had broken in 1534. He decided to invade England.

Philip ordered his navy to assemble a great fleet, the **Spanish Armada**. It totaled about 130 ships and 20,000 soldiers and sailors. The fleet, which was called invincible, or unbeatable, sailed into the English Channel in 1588. Queen Elizabeth I rallied her troops, and the English prepared for attack.

The Spanish had packed the ships with soldiers for a land invasion. They had also

planned to be joined by Spanish forces in the Netherlands. Instead, they faced a series of fierce naval battles that severely damaged their fleet. Then, the English set eight ships on fire and aimed them at the remaining ships of the Armada. In panic and disarray, the Spanish ships fled before the English fireships. As the damaged ships made their way home the long way around, several were wrecked. King Philip's Armada was not invincible.

An Empire in Decline The defeat of the Armada was not the end for Spain, which recovered from the loss. But England remained Protestant, defiant, and undefeated.

Spain's real problems were internal. Philip's government was so centralized that he insisted on approving every decision himself. In addition, because Philip trusted no one, the court was riddled by factions and suspicion. As a result, government action practically came to a standstill. Moreover, Philip spent the wealth from the Americas on constant warfare. It was never enough, though—he borrowed money often and went bankrupt four times. The flood of American gold and silver also drove up prices, leading to inflation. Nor did Spain develop industries, relying instead on its traditional agricultural economy. Therefore, the economy lagged behind that of other countries. Spain gradually declined as a major power.

READING CHECK **Recall** What were two events that caused problems for Spain?

SECTION 1 ASSESSMENT

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Online Quiz

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Reviewing Ideas, Terms, and People

- a. Define** Write a brief definition of the following terms: absolute monarch, divine right.

b. Explain How did Charles I become Holy Roman Emperor Charles V?

c. Analyze How did the size of his empire affect the rule of Charles V?
- a. Identify** Who were El Greco and Diego Velázquez?

b. Infer Why might church officials have been particularly critical of some works by Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz?
- a. Recall** What region of Spain's European territories rebelled, starting in the 1560s?

b. Explain Why did Philip II want to invade England?

c. Evaluate A Spanish official in the Americas is said to have commented, "If Death had to come from Spain, I would live forever." What was the official implying?

Critical Thinking

- Identify Cause and Effect** Use your notes and a graphic organizer like the one below to describe the rise and decline of the Spanish empire, paying particular attention to the role that strengths and weaknesses played.



FOCUS ON SPEAKING

- Narration** Imagine that you are a Spanish or English sailor who survived the Spanish Armada's attempted invasion of England. Prepare and deliver the tale you tell other sailors when you return home.

The Wreck of the Spanish Armada

A series of battles in the English Channel had weakened the Armada. Then, when the English launched fireships at the enemy, some of the Spanish sailors cut their anchor lines so they could escape. It was a fateful decision, because the Spanish ships were then at the mercy of storms in the North Atlantic, and many ships were wrecked. This illustration combines several events into one scene.

ROUTE OF THE ARMADA



Absolute Monarchy and France

BEFORE YOU READ

MAIN IDEA

Henry IV, Louis XIII, and Louis XIV strengthened the French monarchy, with Louis XIV setting the example of an absolute monarch for the rest of Europe.

READING FOCUS

1. How did Henry IV end France's wars of religion?
2. How did Louis XIII and Cardinal Richelieu strengthen the French monarchy?
3. What were the main events in the monarchy of Louis XIV?

KEY TERMS AND PEOPLE

Huguenot
 Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre
 Henry IV
 Edict of Nantes
 Louis XIII
 Cardinal Richelieu
 Louis XIV
 War of the Spanish Succession
 Treaty of Utrecht

TAKING NOTES

Take notes on how Henry IV, Louis XIII, and Louis XIV increased the power of absolute monarchy in France.

Henry IV	
Louis XIII	
Louis XIV	

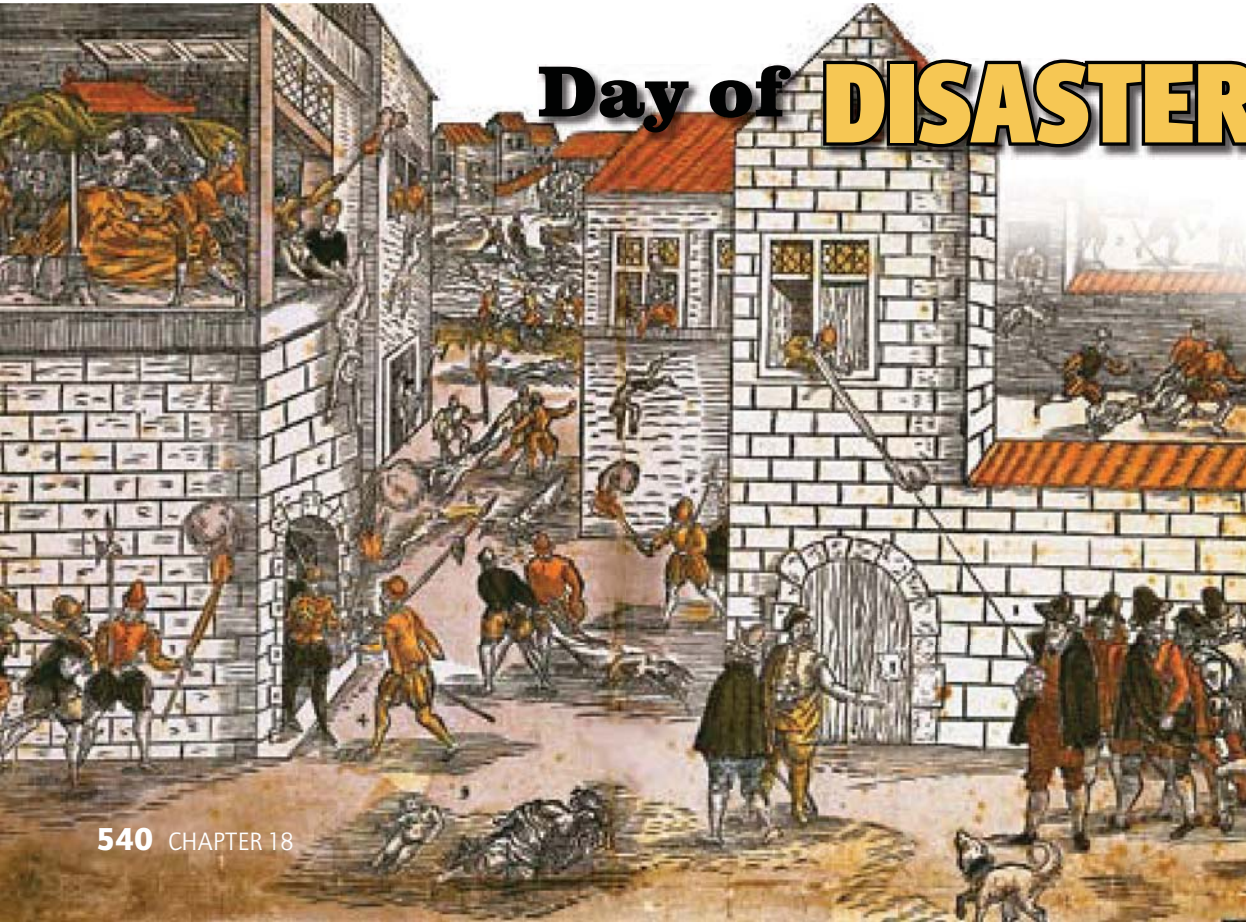
THE INSIDE STORY

Why did the streets of Paris run with blood? It was August 24, 1572, the Catholic feast day of Saint

Bartholomew. Many Protestant nobles were in Paris for the wedding of Henry of Navarre, a Protestant nobleman, to Marguerite de Valois, a Catholic princess. The marriage was supposed to calm the hostilities between Catholics and

Protestants that had been tearing France apart. But just two days before, Catherine de' Medici, the queen of France and the bride's mother, had ordered the murder of a prominent Protestant leader. The attempt failed, but then Catherine had another idea. While so many Protestants were in the city, she ordered their massacre. Just before dawn on August 24, the killing began, with a bloodbath as the result. ■

Day of DISASTER



◀ In Paris alone, some 3,000 Protestants were killed in the Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre.

St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in Paris, artist unknown, c. 1572

Religious War and Henry IV

Soon after the Protestant Reformation began in Germany, it spread to France. By the 1560s, about one in ten French men and women was a **Huguenot** (HYOO-guh-NAHT), or French Calvinist Protestant. Many noble families were Huguenots. Such a large number of Protestants, especially among the nobles, threatened the Catholic French monarchy. The monarchy adhered to the idea that all loyal citizens of France should share *un roi, une loi, une foi*—“one king, one law, one religion.” The religious conflict was a challenge to absolute monarchy.

Conflict and a New King Just as wars between Catholics and Protestants shook Germany, in France fighting broke out between Catholics and Huguenots in 1562 and raged for years. Hostilities took a particularly horrible turn in 1572, when the Catholic queen of France ordered the killing of Huguenots in Paris. Her assassins started with the Huguenot nobles who were in the city for the wedding of Henry of Navarre, a French nobleman. The event became known as the **Saint Bartholomew’s Day Massacre**. From Paris, the violence spread to other parts of France. Estimates of the final death toll range from 10,000 to 70,000.

Henry of Navarre escaped death by denying his religion. Years later, he was in line to become king, but as a Huguenot in a heavily Catholic country, he had to fight Catholic troops to claim the throne. Finally, in 1593 Henry won acceptance by converting to Catholicism and was crowned **Henry IV**. According to some accounts, he explained his conversion by saying, “Paris is well worth a mass.”

Compromise and Progress Henry knew that a compromise was needed to restore peace. In 1598 he granted some rights to Huguenots by issuing the **Edict of Nantes** (NAHNT). It gave Huguenots limited freedom of worship. Among other freedoms granted was the right of Huguenots to hold office and to rule 200 towns where they were already in the majority.

At the time, the Edict of Nantes was a remarkable document in that it represented a clear break with the conformity of the past. No longer were all the people forced to follow the monarch’s religion. The concept of “one king, one law, one religion” was no longer in effect.

French Catholics accepted the edict because it ended the religious wars but still declared Catholicism the official religion of France. In addition, the edict required that Huguenots support the Catholic Church financially.

Following the edict’s success, King Henry IV focused on repairing his war-torn country. A major achievement was improving France’s financial situation. Henry eliminated France’s debt and even built up a surplus. He also created new industries, drained swamps, built canals and roads, stimulated trade, and encouraged agriculture. Over time he became one of France’s most respected monarchs.

READING CHECK Summarize What were some high points and low points in the life of Henry IV?

Louis XIII and Richelieu

Henry had only about 10 years to enjoy being king of France. In 1610 a fanatic Catholic stabbed him while his carriage was stopped in traffic. The next king, **Louis XIII**, was very young when he was crowned. For several years he depended upon his mother to serve as regent, that is, to govern in his place.

Once Louis XIII was old enough to rule, a Catholic churchman named **Cardinal Richelieu** (REESH-uhl-oo) became his chief minister and most trusted adviser. Louis XIII was a relatively weak ruler, but Cardinal Richelieu was determined to strengthen the monarchy. Doing so required that its opponents be crushed.

FACES OF HISTORY

**Cardinal
RICHELIEU**
1585–1642



Armand-Jean du Plessis, duc de Richelieu, was determined to strengthen the monarchy and France. He used ruthless methods

to fulfill his goal. To weaken the nobility’s military power, Cardinal Richelieu demanded that all fortified castles not necessary for the defense of France be torn down. The nobles protested, but their precious castles were demolished anyway. In addition, Richelieu attacked the nobles’ political power by appointing only local officials who supported the king. For some positions, he even appointed middle-class common people who disliked the nobles. These officials knew they served at his pleasure and behaved accordingly.

Analyze Why would the demolition of the nobles’ castles diminish their military power?

Both Louis XIII and Richelieu wanted to reduce the recently won power of the Huguenots. To teach the Huguenots a lesson, in 1627 Richelieu used a situation at La Rochelle, a Huguenot port city. The people of La Rochelle had sided with English forces that had taken a nearby island. Richelieu's troops laid siege to the walled city, cutting off its supplies. After 14 months, the starving citizens surrendered. Richelieu ordered the city walls to be torn down and all the city's churches to become Catholic. His victory was a signal to all Huguenots that resistance to the monarchy carried risks.

Richelieu and the king also saw the nobles as a threat, so Richelieu turned to suppressing them. His spies uncovered a series of planned revolts by some nobles. Punishments were severe. For example, Richelieu had three prominent nobles publicly executed for treason.

As the king's chief minister, Richelieu also directed foreign policy. The Thirty Years' War, about which you will read more later, pitted Catholics against Protestants in Central Europe. Because he wanted to bring down the Hapsburg family, which led the Catholic side of the conflict, Richelieu involved France on the side of the Protestants.

READING CHECK Identify Who did Louis XIII and Cardinal Richelieu see as their enemies?

The Monarchy of Louis XIV

Richelieu died in 1642, and Louis XIII died one year later. In 1643 the son of Louis XIII was crowned **Louis XIV**. History's best example of an absolute monarch, Louis led France during a time of great power, prosperity, and glory. His reign had a lasting impact on France—both positive and negative.

Rise of the Sun King Like his father, Louis XIV became king, with his mother as regent, at a very young age. A churchman named Cardinal Mazarin, who became chief minister after Cardinal Richelieu, provided advice.

Louis was raised to be king. From childhood, he was taught all the skills that a king would eventually need—from interviewing foreign ambassadors and interpreting state papers to hunting and dancing.

The young king was quite different from his father. For example, he was supremely confident in his ability to rule. When Cardinal Mazarin died, Louis XIV, who was only 18 years old, declared that he would run the government himself. He declared, "L'état, c'est moi," meaning "I am the state." Louis chose the sun as his personal symbol, implying that the world revolved around him. He thus became known as the Sun King.

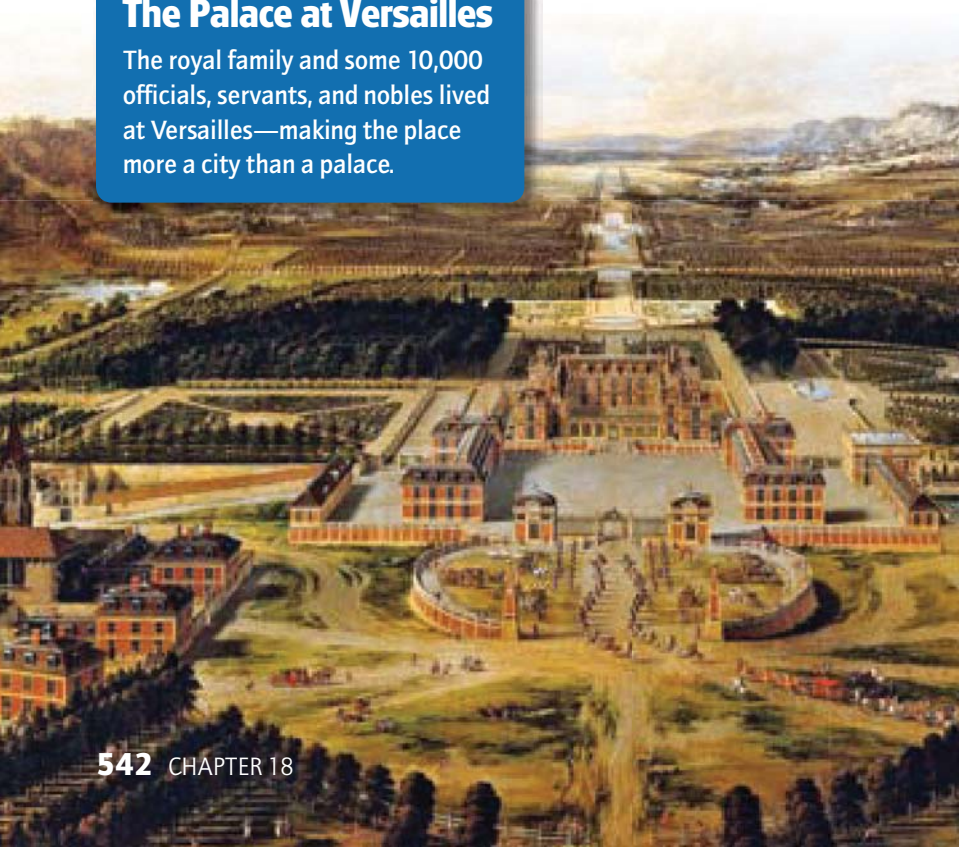
The Palace at Versailles

The royal family and some 10,000 officials, servants, and nobles lived at Versailles—making the place more a city than a palace.



The king pointing to plans for Versailles

Louis XIV, artist unknown, 1600s



View of Versailles, artist unknown, 1668

Making Economic Decisions

Making economic decisions requires balancing benefits and costs. Often a decision has costs that one does not see at first. When you spend money on one thing, you cannot spend that money on something else. Those things that one cannot have as a result of an economic decision are called opportunity costs.

Economic Decisions in History Louis XIV faced opportunity costs when he decided to spend so much money on building the palace at Versailles. A major cost was in lost goodwill. The French people felt resentment when they saw their money going to build a huge, grand palace while they paid high taxes and sometimes went hungry. This resentment would help cause a revolution years later.

Economic Decisions and Your Life Your economic decisions have opportunity costs, too. Consider the decision of whether or not to

BUILDING VERSAILLES

COSTS	BENEFITS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost five percent of the country's annual revenue • Created resentment among the people • Helped cause revolution years later 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kept court safer from Paris crowds • Was clear symbol of king's power • Allowed the king to keep the nobles in check

buy the latest electronic gadget when it first comes on the market. Should you rush out to buy it, or should you wait for the price to come down? Either decision carries opportunity costs. Buying now means spending money that you could use for a long-term goal, such as building your college fund. Buying later means giving up the pleasure you might get from joining the newest fad.

▲ The decision to build Versailles had both costs and benefits.

Explain Why should you consider opportunity costs when making economic decisions?

Absolutism at Versailles For the rest of his long reign, Louis XIV retained absolute power. He began a tradition of absolute monarchy in France that would last for more than a century. Louis demanded that he be in charge of all military, political, and economic initiatives. The religion of his subjects was also to be under his direct control.

By drawing so much power to himself and the central government, Louis deprived the nobles of influence. They declined further in status when Louis built an enormous palace at Versailles (ver-sy), a few miles outside of Paris, and required that his nobles visit him there regularly. Nobles gained prestige by becoming servants in the king's Versailles court instead of by fighting or building local influence far from Paris. In addition, Louis urged the nobles to develop expensive new habits of dressing, dining, and gambling. As the nobles thus grew

poorer, they had to depend on the king's generosity just to survive.

An immense complex of buildings and gardens, Versailles was a grand spectacle of kingly power. Louis XIV's style and ceremony emphasized his political strength. Practically every moment of the king's day required rituals performed by bowing courtiers. Eating, dressing, walking in the garden—all required a ritual. And Louis always knew who had given what he considered proper attention, as described in one courtier's memoir.

HISTORY'S VOICES

“If anyone habitually living at Court absented himself he insisted on knowing the reason; those who came there only for flying visits had also to give a satisfactory explanation; any one who seldom or never appeared there was certain to incur his displeasure.”

—Duc de Saint-Simon, *The Court of Louis XIV*, 1746

Louis and Protestantism Another way that Louis established absolute monarchy was by smashing the power of the Huguenots once and for all. Since the reign of Henry IV, the Edict of Nantes had protected the Huguenots. For all Richelieu's efforts, even he had not been able to eliminate that protection.

In 1685 Louis made his move. He revoked, or canceled, the edict and outlawed Protestantism in his realm. Over 200,000 Huguenots fled France, including many prosperous merchants and artisans. The loss of their skills and wealth helped cause a financial crisis.

READING SKILLS

Connecting How does the War of the Spanish Succession connect to other problems related to succession about which you have already read?

Money and the Military Louis's finances were always a matter of concern because the grand lifestyle he demanded required a great deal of money. The treasury was saved primarily by the efficient policies of the minister of finance, Jean-Baptiste Colbert (kawl-BER). Colbert limited imports and increased exports. In addition, he simplified the tax system. Colbert even reduced the government's debt. Still, Louis always wanted more money.

Louis needed cash to fulfill his greatest ambition—to build up the military and expand French territory. He succeeded in this goal, certainly, by enlarging the army from some 70,000 men to more than 200,000 disciplined soldiers. Louis also spent money on good equipment for his new army. With this mighty force, Louis became the most powerful ruler in Europe, taking France into war four times.

War over a Throne Louis XIV wanted to increase his power beyond the borders of France. He went to war to reclaim territory that France had lost, but his wars cost France dearly. In fact, they cost so much that Louis had to melt down royal silver to pay for army supplies. The most costly of his wars was the **War of the Spanish Succession**. It began when the Spanish king died without an heir. Three rulers claimed that they should name the successor. Louis was one of the three, because he wanted the Spanish throne for his oldest son.

The other European monarchs did not want France and Spain to be so closely connected. Such an alliance could cause economic and political problems for several countries. Therefore, in 1701 England, the Netherlands, and the Holy Roman Empire went to war against France. Fighting was not limited to Europe. In North America, the conflict was connected to a phase of the French and Indian Wars.

After many defeats, in 1713 Louis accepted the **Treaty of Utrecht**. Although the treaty said that Louis's grandson got the Spanish throne, it also said that France and Spain would never be ruled by the same monarch. Louis also had to give up most of the territory he had taken. The war benefited England at the expense of France and Spain. Despite the setback, Louis XIV remained in power until his death in 1715—still an absolute monarch.

READING CHECK Find the Main Idea What were some main events during Louis XIV's reign?

SECTION 2 ASSESSMENT

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Online Quiz

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Reviewing Ideas, Terms, and People

- a. Define** Write a brief definition of the following terms: Huguenot, Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre, Edict of Nantes.
b. Sequence List in order the major events in the conflict between French Huguenots and Catholics.
c. Elaborate Attributed to Henry IV is the quotation, "Paris is well worth a mass." What does this statement mean?
- a. Identify** Who was Cardinal Richelieu, and why was he significant?
b. Interpret What were the effects of the siege of La Rochelle?
- a. Identify** What was Versailles? Why was it important?
b. Explain What did Louis XIV mean by "L'état, c'est moi"?
c. Evaluate How could Louis XIV have improved his legacy?

Critical Thinking

- Sequence** Copy the graphic organizer below and use it to describe how the power of the French monarchy increased under Henry IV, Louis XIII, and Louis XIV.



FOCUS ON WRITING

- Description** Study the illustrations in this section. Then write a brief description of either the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre or the palace that Louis XIV built at Versailles. Use details that will help your reader visualize the scene.

Monarchy in England

BEFORE YOU READ

MAIN IDEA

In contrast to the absolute monarchies of Spain and France, the English monarchy was limited by Parliament; following a civil war, Parliament became even more powerful.

READING FOCUS

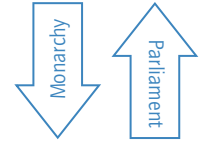
1. How did the Tudors work with Parliament?
2. What led the first two Stuart kings to clash with Parliament?
3. What were the causes and results of the English Civil War?
4. What happened when monarchy returned to England?

KEY TERMS AND PEOPLE

Puritans
Charles I
Royalists
Oliver Cromwell
commonwealth
Restoration
Charles II
William and Mary
Glorious Revolution
constitutional monarchy

TAKING NOTES

As you read, take notes to record details about the decreasing power of the monarchy and increasing power of Parliament.



A BOLD QUEEN



Portrait of Elizabeth I, by unknown artist, 1500s

THE INSIDE STORY

How did a queen get her way?

Queen Elizabeth I had a very strong personality—and it showed in her relationship with England's Parliament. Early in her reign, the members of Parliament asked Elizabeth I when she planned to marry. In response, she told them that she planned to die without a husband, and that it was none of Parliament's business anyway. She was not interested in sharing power with a king. Elizabeth's close relationship with Parliament was assisted by her fierce and obvious love for England. In her last speech to Parliament she said, "Though you have had, and may have, many princes more mighty and wise sitting in this seat, yet you never had, nor shall have, any that will be more careful and loving." Later monarchs would not be as close to Parliament, or so skillful in dealing with it. ■

The Tudors and Parliament

Two prominent members of the Tudor dynasty, Henry VIII and his daughter Elizabeth I, ruled during the time when absolutism was common on the European continent. In England, though, Parliament placed curbs on absolute monarchy. Both father and daughter had to learn how to work with Parliament to fulfill their goals for England.

◀ **Queen Elizabeth at the height of her glory, as shown by the richness of her clothing and jewels**

Henry VIII created the Protestant Church of England so he could divorce his first wife. To effect the split with the Roman Catholic Church, Henry had Parliament pass laws ending the power of the pope in England. In 1534 the Act of Supremacy named the king as the head of the Church of England.

After Henry's death and the short reign of his son Edward, Henry's daughter Mary I became queen. Often called Bloody Mary, she briefly made England Catholic again. When Mary died in 1558, Elizabeth was crowned queen and returned England to the Anglican, or English Protestant, Church. Parliament helped her do so by passing laws that favored Protestantism.

Tension developed between Parliament and the queen when Parliament pressured her to marry so that she would have an heir to the throne. She refused, knowing that marriage to either an Englishman or a foreigner could limit her freedom. Still, she managed to talk Parliament into approving the funds she needed.

A major reason for Elizabeth's good relationship with Parliament was her willingness to let the members speak their minds without fear of punishment. Her close ties to Parliament show in the fact that she called it into session 10 times during her 45-year reign.

While Elizabeth was clearly in charge, she had some difficulty keeping her subjects from questioning her actions. For example, in 1601 one of her favorite courtiers, the Earl of Essex, rebelled against the queen's authority. He asked publicly, "Cannot princes err? Cannot subjects receive wrong? Is an earthly power or authority infinite?" Essex was tried and executed, but he was not the last to question the English monarch's authority.

READING CHECK **Recall** What did Henry VIII and Elizabeth I work with Parliament to do?

The Stuarts and Parliament

The Tudors' success with Parliament was not repeated by their successors. When Elizabeth I died in 1603, a relative of the Tudors from Scotland became king. James I was the first member of the Stuart dynasty to rule in England. His view of absolute monarchy caused conflict with Parliament.

James I Clashes with Parliament James faced problems from the start. He believed firmly in the divine right of kings and wanted to rule as an absolute monarch. But wars waged

Linking TO Today

The British Monarchy

Should the United Kingdom still have a king or queen? Ever since the conflict between king and Parliament in the 1600s, the monarch has had a restricted role in the government.

Critics of the monarchy sometimes claim that the royal family is an expensive luxury. Monarchy's defenders reply that Queen Elizabeth II's wealth—perhaps about \$500 million—allows her to pay her own way. Her accountants agree. In 2006 a report from the office of Royal Public Finances stated that Queen Elizabeth II and her family cost each citizen of the United Kingdom only about \$1.13 per year. In addition, the monarchy's supporters point out that the tourist industry, which is worth more

than \$300 billion per year, would suffer if the romance of royalty were eliminated. Elizabeth II can also sometimes defuse a touchy situation with other heads of state, since she does not represent a particular political viewpoint.

Perhaps the best argument for the monarchy is its power as a symbol. It represents continuity—the ability of the kingdom's people to survive centuries of global turmoil and still live in relative peace with each other.

Draw Conclusions Should the monarchy continue? Why or why not?

Queen Elizabeth II greets crowds celebrating her eightieth birthday. ►



by his predecessors, combined with his own spending, left him low on funds. In addition, because he was from Scotland, he was considered an outsider. For all of these reasons, he had difficulty getting along with Parliament. Although James called Parliament repeatedly during his reign, he was rarely able to get Parliament to approve all the money he wanted.

As Parliament increased its influence, another group was starting to make itself known. The **Puritans**, a group of strict Calvinists, demanded that the Church of England be further reformed. They wanted to “purify” the English church of practices they thought were still too Catholic. For example, priests still dressed in elaborate robes, and worshippers knelt during services.

Another of the Puritans’ goals was to take power away from church officials. James saw this stance as a threat to his power because the church leadership supported him. As a result, he refused to pass most of the Puritans’ requests for reform. One reform James agreed to was the publication of an English version of the Bible that became known as the King James Bible.

Charles I Defies Parliament When James I died in 1625, his younger son was crowned king as **Charles I**. He was popular at first, but married a Catholic princess and involved England in military adventures overseas.

In 1628 Charles summoned Parliament to request money. Parliament refused to grant it until Charles signed a document, called the Petition of Right, that placed limits on the king’s power. Among the document’s provisions was a statement that the king could not levy taxes without Parliament’s approval. Nor could he imprison anyone without legal justification, force citizens to house soldiers, or declare martial law in peacetime. The Petition of Right was a direct challenge to absolute monarchy.

When Parliament refused to give him money again later, Charles taxed the English people on his own and forced bankers to loan him money. The members of Parliament were furious. In response, Charles dismissed Parliament and in 1629 decided to rule without consulting Parliament ever again.

READING CHECK **Find the Main Idea** Why did the Stuarts have trouble with Parliament?

The English Civil War

Conflict continued between a king who believed in absolute monarchy and a Parliament that saw itself as independent of the king. The conflict became so severe that it led to war and even the king’s death.

Parliament Reconvened In 1640 Charles I was badly in debt, thanks to a religious rebellion in Scotland. He finally had to reconvene Parliament so he could ask for more money.

This session became known as the Long Parliament because it did not disband for many years. After being ignored for 11 years, the members of Parliament were in no mood to bow to the king’s wishes, and they took the opportunity to further limit the king’s powers. They demanded that Parliament must be called at least every three years, and the king could no longer dismiss Parliament. Charles I accepted these new rules, but he awaited the right moment to overturn them.

War with Parliament That moment came when a radical Puritan group within Parliament moved to abolish the appointment of bishops in the Anglican Church. The king, whose power was connected to the power of the church, was outraged.

For this insult, Charles decided to arrest the Puritan leaders for treason. He led troops into the House of Commons to make the arrest, but the men had already escaped. Now Charles had given away his intentions to take back power. Some members of Parliament decided to rise up against the king. Charles I called for the support of the English people. Within months, in 1642, the English Civil War began.

Without funding from Parliament, the king had to rely on contributions to pay for an army. His supporters, mainly wealthy nobles, were called **Royalists** for their allegiance to his royal person. On the other side, Parliament could back its army by voting for funding. Supporters of Parliament were called Roundheads, from their short, bowl-shaped haircuts, which contrasted with the Royalists’ long wigs. The Roundheads included Puritans, merchants, and some members of the upper classes.

Leading the Roundhead forces was a member of Parliament named **Oliver Cromwell**. He had risen to leadership as an army general.

READING SKILLS

Connecting

How does this information about the Puritans connect to what you already know about Puritans in America?

THE IMPACT TODAY

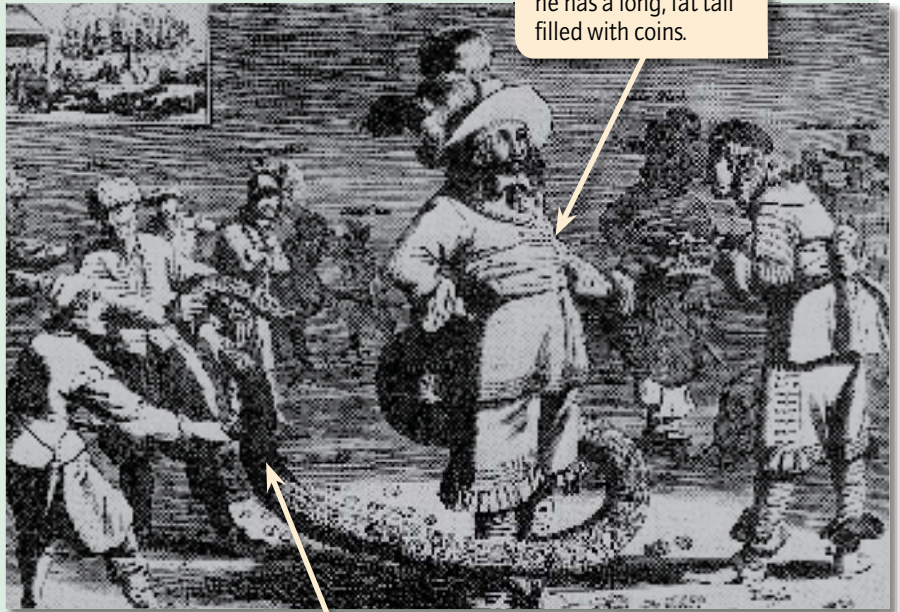
Today, England’s monarch is allowed to enter the Houses of Parliament only once a year, to open a session of Parliament.

A View of Oliver Cromwell

Interpreting Political Cartoons England faced problems both at home and abroad during the mid-1600s. Under Charles I, fighting had broken out in Ireland and Scotland. Oliver Cromwell inherited those tensions—and expenses. In addition, he had Parliament pass a law that damaged Dutch trade. A war with the Dutch was the result. Cromwell was also in conflict with the Royalists, of course.

Cromwell's foreign exploits made him very unpopular in the other countries. In England, though, Cromwell was popular enough that in 1657 Parliament offered him the crown, which he declined. As you study this Dutch cartoon about Cromwell titled "The Horrible Tail Man," consider:

- the identities of the characters in the cartoon
- what the various characters are doing
- where Cromwell's attention is focused
- the country where it was published



Cromwell is portrayed in a negative way. His face is ugly, and he has a long, fat tail filled with coins.

A Royalist, a Dutchman, an Irishman, and a Scot are cutting off sections of Cromwell's money-filled tail.

Skills Focus

READING LIKE A HISTORIAN

- 1. Details** Is Cromwell aware of what is going on behind him? How does this affect the meaning?
- 2. Message** What was the cartoonist saying about the impact of Cromwell's foreign involvements?

See **Skills Handbook**, p. H27

In 1644, at the first truly decisive battle of the war, he led a victory in which 4,000 of the king's soldiers died. Cromwell continued to rise in power until he became commander-in-chief of Parliament's army.

The Royalist army was outmatched by Cromwell's disciplined troops. In 1646 the king surrendered. Now in full control, Cromwell dismissed all members of Parliament who disagreed with him. Those who were left made up what was called the Rump Parliament.

Trial and Execution Eventually the Rump Parliament charged the king with treason and put him on trial. During his trial, Charles defended himself with great eloquence but refused to even recognize Parliament's authority to try him. "I do stand more for the liberty

of my people than any here that come to be my pretended judges," he declared. In the end, the king was sentenced to death for treason. On January 30, 1649, Charles I was publicly beheaded in front of his own palace—the first European monarch to be formally tried and sentenced to death by a court of law. To some people he was a martyr; to others a tyrant who got what he deserved.

England under Cromwell For the next 11 years, England's government changed completely. The House of Commons abolished the House of Lords and outlawed the monarchy.

England became a **commonwealth**, which is a republican government based on the common good of all the people. In 1653 Cromwell was given the title Lord Protector of England,

Scotland, and Ireland. Although Cromwell was a skilled leader, he demanded complete obedience. He clamped down on English social life by closing the theaters and limiting other forms of popular entertainment.

Cromwell had to deal with foreign issues, too. He led military expeditions to Scotland and Ireland. His economic policies led to a war with the Dutch over trade. To limit Spanish activity in the Americas, he also warred on Spain.

A Defender of Absolutism Cromwell, the king's death, and the war troubled many of the English people. One of them was Thomas Hobbes, a Royalist who fled to France during Cromwell's rule. Hobbes wrote what is now a classic work of political science, *Leviathan*. In it, Hobbes described humans as being naturally selfish and fearful. Life in nature, he wrote, was "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short." Hobbes argued that people needed an all-powerful monarch to tell them how to live. His views sparked controversy during a time when England was trying to find a balance between government by the people's representatives and the monarchy.

READING CHECK Identify Cause and Effect

What were some effects of the English Civil War?

The Monarchy Returns

Hobbes's ideas reflected the fact that many people were unhappy under Cromwell, especially when he dismissed Parliament to rule. Attitudes were changing so much that a return to monarchy became possible.

The Restoration When Cromwell died in 1658, his son took his place. Richard Cromwell lacked his father's leadership abilities, though, and his government collapsed. Eventually Parliament reconvened and voted to bring back the monarchy—an event known as the **Restoration**.

In the spring of 1660, Parliament invited the son of the dead Charles I, also named Charles, to be the new king. Parliament laid out certain conditions, which Charles accepted, along with the invitation. He would be crowned King **Charles II**. As he rode into London upon his return, the people shouted their good wishes. The writer Samuel Pepys recorded his impressions of the day in his diary:

HISTORY'S VOICES

“Great joy all yesterday at London, and at night more bonfires than ever, and ringing of bells, and drinking of the King's health upon their knees in the streets, which methinks is a little too much. But every body seems to be very joyfull in the business . . . ”

—*The Diary of Samuel Pepys*, May 2, 1660

The Reign of Charles II Charles knew that as king he had to watch his step. When his policies were opposed, he usually gave in. Still, he had to address many issues. Conflict with the Dutch continued. Religious tensions remained. And the role of Parliament was still being developed. Charles supported religious toleration for Catholics, for example, but Parliament insisted upon laws to strengthen the Church of England.

The Restoration years were a mixture of positive and negative events. On one hand, Charles reopened the theaters, with a flowering of English drama as the result. Another positive event was passage of the Habeas Corpus Act of 1679. This act guaranteed that someone accused of a crime had the right to appear in court to determine if the accused should be held or released. The act is one of the most important in English history.

England also suffered setbacks during the reign of Charles II. In 1665 the bubonic plague returned, killing perhaps 100,000 people in London alone. The next year, the Great Fire of London destroyed large parts of the city—but also killed the rats that had spread the deadly plague. After the fire, though, Charles supported public construction projects.

James II Later in Charles's reign the question of who would succeed him remained. His brother, James, was next in line, but he was Catholic. In addition, James had married a Catholic princess whose Catholic son would outrank James's Protestant daughters from his first marriage. When Charles died in 1685, James II was crowned king. Many people wondered if another destructive war would follow.

James was not popular. Besides being a Catholic, he believed wholeheartedly in his right to rule as an absolute monarch. The English people, however, would no longer tolerate such a belief.

The English Bill of Rights

These excerpts from The Bill of Rights illustrate the limits placed on the monarchy by Parliament. In the document, the members of Parliament made several declarations, including:

1. That the pretended power of suspending laws, or the execution of laws, by regal authority, without consent of parliament is illegal. . .
5. That it is the right of the subjects to petition the king, and all commitments and prosecutions for such petitioning are illegal. . .
8. That election of members of parliament ought to be free.
9. That the freedom of speech, and debates or proceedings in parliament, ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of parliament.
10. That excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

**Skills
FOCUS**
READING LIKE A HISTORIAN

1. **Analyze** In the fifth declaration, what does "petition the king" mean?
 2. **Draw Conclusions** Which of these rights do we enjoy today?
- See **Skills Handbook**, p. H25

The Glorious Revolution In 1688 a group of nobles invited James's daughter Mary and her husband William to become king and queen of England. **William and Mary** were both Protestants, living in the Netherlands. James, knowing that it was pointless to fight, fled to France. Parliament gave the throne to William III and Mary II as joint rulers. This transfer of power became known as the **Glorious Revolution**.

Changes in Government With the Glorious Revolution, Parliament had essentially crowned the new king and queen. More important was a document that William and Mary had to sign before taking the throne—the English Bill of Rights. This document prevented the monarch from levying taxes without the consent of Parliament, among many other provisions. Decades later, the Bill of Rights was reflected in the U.S. Constitution.

The Bill of Rights was central to England's growth as a **constitutional monarchy**, the term for a monarchy limited by law. The document's approval came after decades of dramatic changes in English government. England had rejected the concept of an absolute monarch who supposedly ruled by divine right for a monarchy ruled by law.

READING CHECK Describe What happened during the Glorious Revolution?

SECTION 3 ASSESSMENT
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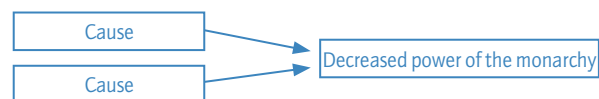
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Reviewing Ideas, Terms, and People

1. **a. Identify** Which monarch separated England from the Roman Catholic Church?
b. Explain Why did Elizabeth I need to get along with the English Parliament?
2. **a. Recall** How did the Puritans get their name?
b. Summarize What was the basic conflict between James I and Parliament?
3. **a. Identify** When did the English Civil War begin?
b. Explain Why did Charles I have a hard time raising money for an army, while Parliament did not?
c. Develop Why did the English people differ in their views on the execution of Charles I?
4. **a. Recall** What is a constitutional monarchy?
b. Compare and Contrast How were the Restoration and the Glorious Revolution similar and different?
c. Make Judgments Why is the English Bill of Rights important to both the English and American people?

Critical Thinking

5. **Identify Cause and Effect** Using your notes and a graphic organizer like the one below, identify the causes of the decreasing power of the monarchy. Add more boxes as needed.


FOCUS ON WRITING

6. **Exposition** Imagine that you are a guide in a museum that has a copy of the English Bill of Rights. As a handout for museum visitors, write a brief explanation of the importance of this document.

Music

Classical Music

What is it? The term “classical music” means different things to different people. It can describe a certain era of European music that began in the mid-1700s. Most people, though, probably think of classical music as beautiful concert music of any time period played by an orchestra—a large group of musicians.

Key characteristics:

- Includes many different forms—symphonies, operas, string quartets, art songs sung by individuals, and more
- Involves many different instruments—violins, violas, cellos, clarinets, horns, drums, pianos, drums, and many more
- Usually performed by highly trained musicians and singers

Why is it important?

- Classical music expresses the entire range of human emotions, from deep religious reverence to wild passion.
- It is an always-evolving form of musical expression that incorporates new instruments and modern topics.
- Although the performers are trained, one does not need to be trained to enjoy classical music.



Maestro Seiji Ozawa conducts the Boston Symphony.

This is an original score from one of classical music's greatest masters—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.



Franz Joseph Haydn Conducting a String Quartet by Schmid, artist unknown, no date

Composer Franz Josef Haydn was Austrian but visited London often. His many musical works inspired later composers.

Skills Focus

INTERPRETING VISUALS

- 1. Compare and Contrast** What do the performances pictured have in common? How are they different?
- 2. Rank** What modern issues do you think would be good topics for symphonies or operas?

Rulers of Russia and Central Europe

BEFORE YOU READ

MAIN IDEA

The czars of Russia struggled with the westernization of their empire, while powerful families battled for control of Central Europe.

READING FOCUS

1. How did Ivan IV strengthen the Russian monarchy?
2. What reforms did Peter the Great make in Russia?
3. How did the rule of Catherine the Great affect Russia?
4. What states formed in Central Europe in the 1600s and 1700s?

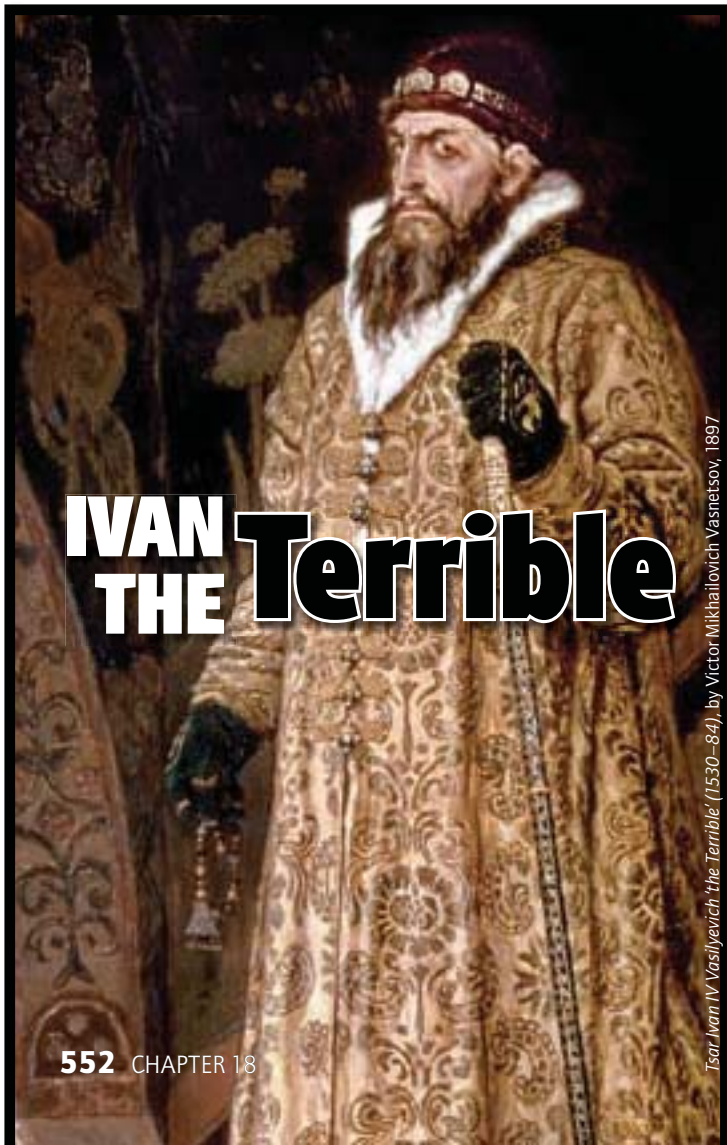
KEY TERMS AND PEOPLE

boyars
czar
Ivan IV
Peter the Great
westernization
Catherine the Great
Thirty Years' War
Treaty of Westphalia
Maria Theresa
Frederick the Great

TAKING NOTES

Take notes on Russia in a chart like this one, including changes in territory, key people, and key events. Create a similar chart for Central Europe.

Russia
• changes in territory
• key people
• key events



IVAN THE Terrible

Tsar Ivan IV Vasilyevich the Terrible (1530–84), by Victor Mikhailovich Vasnetsov, 1897

THE INSIDE STORY

How did a ruler earn such a bad reputation? The young Russian emperor, Ivan IV, seemed reasonable at first and made several positive reforms. He also went to war to expand Russia's territory. When he seized the city of Kazan, the Russian people gave him the nickname *grozny*, which means "fearsome" or "stern." However, the word has also been translated as "terrible." Ivan's actions did indeed become terrible, as he slipped into periods of uncontrollable rage, suspicion, and violence. Whole towns were burned and their people sent away. Ivan killed some enemies while they were in church. He had leading citizens publicly executed in grisly ways designed to horrify the many witnesses. Ivan even mortally wounded his own son in an argument. This incident probably sealed his reputation for all time as "Ivan the Terrible." ■

The Monarchy of Ivan IV

In the 1500s Russia was far behind western Europe in technological advancement and centralized government. At the time, Russia was run, in effect, by church officials and **boyars**, or landowners, usually with conservative viewpoints. Then, in 1546 a young prince claimed the title of **czar** (Zahr) and put Russia on a different course. The title was a version of the Latin word *caesar*; or emperor, the title used by the Romans. The new czar, whose name was Ivan, intended to rule without limits on his power. But his own madness created chaos.

Reforms of Ivan IV During the early years of his rule, **Ivan IV** made many reforms. He created a general council that included merchants and lower-level nobles. He also began to promote military officers on merit rather than status and drew up a new legal code. These and similar reforms reduced the boyars' power.

Ivan also expanded Russia's borders and trade. He defeated the Tatars, who had succeeded the Mongols, and expanded Russian territory east to the Volga River. Controlling the length of the Volga to the Caspian Sea increased trade. As a result of such achievements, the years from 1547 to 1563 are known as Ivan's "good period."

Ivan the Terrible During the 1560s, Ivan changed. It was during this time that his strict policies and violent actions sealed his reputation as Ivan the Terrible. First, he became suspicious of his closest advisers and sent them away, killing many of their supporters. When his wife Anastasia died, he became convinced that she was murdered and that people were conspiring against him.

To investigate and punish the opposition, Ivan created a private police force of some 6,000 men. These men dressed in black and rode black horses. They controlled almost half of Russia's territory in Ivan's name and brutally punished anyone who spoke out against the czar's policies.

Ivan's harshness continued when in 1565 he seized land from 12,000 boyars. Soon after, he ordered the killing of thousands of people in the city of Novgorod because he suspected that they wanted to separate from Russia. Ivan's descent into mental illness seemed complete when in 1581 he killed his own son, who was next in line to be czar.

Although it may have been an accident, the death of Ivan's son left Russia without an heir to the throne. As a result, power changed hands many times. Uncertainty about the succession, economic problems, and foreign invasions added up to a chaotic period known as the Time of Troubles. It lasted until 1613, when Michael, a relative of Ivan's first wife, was crowned czar. Michael was the first of the Romanov dynasty, which ruled Russia until 1917.

READING CHECK Contrast How did the early rule of Ivan IV differ from his later years?

Peter the Great

About 70 years later, Peter I was crowned czar. Known later as **Peter the Great** for his efforts to transform Russia into a modern state, Peter had the strength to regain absolute power for the Russian monarchy.

Early Rule Peter became czar in 1682 while he was still a child, so his sister insisted on ruling in his place. At the age of 17, Peter removed his sister from the throne and took power for himself.

Peter was an impressive man. He was about six and a half feet tall, and it was said that he was so strong he could roll up a heavy silver platter as if it were foil. Peter also had a strong personality and boundless energy.

One of Czar Peter's first acts was to storm Azov, a Black Sea port held by Turks. The attack was a disaster, but it inspired Peter to build a navy. Peter labored side-by-side with thousands of carpenters to build hundreds of ships. When Peter's new navy took up the campaign against Azov, the Turks surrendered.

Modernization and Reform As Russia's ruler, Peter realized that his country needed to modernize to catch up with the rest of Europe. He was determined to bring elements of Western culture to Russia. This process is known as **westernization**.

In 1697 Peter began a journey to western Europe to see for himself what Russia needed to modernize. He traveled in disguise but was sometimes recognized anyway. Wherever Peter went, he learned hands-on skills, especially shipbuilding. He also recruited European experts to bring their skills to Russia.

This historic trip was cut short, though, by a rebellion among the *streltsy*, a military corps that also had political influence. Certain that the *streltsy* wanted to put his sister back on the throne, Peter had many members tortured and then executed. Finally, he disbanded the *streltsy* and organized a more modern army.

In addition to modernizing the army, Peter made many other reforms. He brought the church under state control, built up Russian industry, started the first newspaper in Russia, and sponsored new schools. Peter modernized the calendar and promoted officials based on service instead of their social status.

Peter also supported education, believing that Russians needed to learn more about science and other critical fields from the West.

Some reforms were less important but did affect people's daily lives. For example, Peter wanted Russians to adopt European styles of clothing and grooming. Peter even personally cut off the boyars' traditional long coats and beards so they would look more European. The boyars resented and resisted such actions.

Through these and other reforms, Peter tried to impose his will on the Russian people and make Russia a more modern country. Although he was not always successful, Peter the Great is often considered the founder of modern Russia for his efforts.

Founding of St. Petersburg In addition to his many reforms, Peter also founded a new city. In the early 1700s, Peter fought Sweden to acquire a warm-water port. Russia's other ports were choked by ice much of the year. A port farther south on the Baltic Sea would keep Russia open to western trade all year long and help connect Russia to the west.

On land he won from Sweden, Peter built a new capital, St. Petersburg, and Russia's government was moved to the new city. St. Petersburg featured Western-style architecture, rather than traditional Russian styles.

READING CHECK Recall Name three ways in which Peter the Great attempted to westernize Russia.

THE IMPACT TODAY

St. Petersburg is Russia's second-largest city and is still a cultural and educational center.

FACES OF HISTORY

Peter the Great, 1672–1725



Portrait of Peter I the Great, by Jean Marc Nattier, 1717

Notice the regal posture, shining armor, and rich fabrics in this official portrait.



This Dutch painting shows Peter in a casual pose, with unkempt hair, beard stubble, and the clothing of a laborer.

Portrait of Peter the Great, Dutch school, no date

Do these two portraits really show the same person—the powerful Peter the Great? They do indeed! The portrait on the left shows him as Peter I, Czar of Russia. On the right, he is shown as a common Dutch shipbuilder, a disguise he adopted on a trip to Europe to learn firsthand the secrets of Western technology. Under an assumed name, Peter even earned a certificate as a qualified shipwright. Also in Europe, Peter learned new printing methods and participated in surgical operations. He even learned basic dentistry and enjoyed pulling his servants'

teeth. To learn additional skills from the West, Peter persuaded hundreds of craft workers, doctors, engineers, naval officers, and other experts to come to Russia.

Skills FOCUS

READING LIKE A HISTORIAN

- Analyze** If Peter had seen the portrait on the right, do you think he would have liked it? Why or why not?
- Evaluate** How do these portraits affect your evaluation of Peter the Great?



Catherine the Great

Russia's next important ruler was actually a German princess who came to Russia to marry a grandson of Peter the Great. She became known as **Catherine the Great**.

Catherine Takes Power After her husband became Czar Peter III in 1761, Catherine and many Russian nobles grew angry at his weak and incompetent rule. With the help of her allies, Catherine seized power from the new czar, who was murdered. Catherine II was declared czarina of Russia. The word *czarina* is the female form of "czar."

Early Reforms Catherine saw herself as the true successor of Peter the Great and worked to build on his westernization efforts. To emphasize the legitimacy of her claim, she built a bronze statue in St. Petersburg honoring Peter. It was inscribed "To Peter the First, from Catherine the Second."

Catherine began an ambitious plan of reforms. She was influenced by major European thinkers of the time who believed that a strong and wise ruler could improve life for his or her subjects. Catherine reformed Russia's legal and education systems and removed some restrictions on trade. She also promoted science and the arts.

Challenges to Catherine's Rule

As Catherine tried to reform Russia, she was soon distracted by conflict. A few years after taking power, she faced war in Poland, where people wanted freedom from Russian influence. In 1768 the Ottoman Empire joined the Polish cause. Eventually, Russia won the war and took over half of Poland and territory on the Black Sea, a valuable outlet for sea trade.

While the war was still raging, Catherine faced a popular rebellion inside Russia. A man named Yemelyan Pugachev was traveling the countryside claiming that he was Peter III and had not been murdered after all. Pugachev gained support among Russia's peasants and led a ragtag army that took over many areas before the rebellion was put down. In the end, Pugachev was captured and beheaded.

The revolt convinced Catherine that she needed to strengthen the authority of the monarchy in rural areas. She completely reorganized local governments and put their administration in the hands of area landowners and nobles. In return for their service as government officials, Catherine reduced their taxes and gave them absolute control over their lands and peasants.

READING CHECK Analyze What was one way that Catherine showed she was an absolute monarch?

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

legitimacy
the right to rule

Monarchy and Conflict in Central Europe

Unlike the monarchs of Russia and Western Europe, rulers in Central Europe in the 1500s and 1600s never became absolute monarchs. The Holy Roman Empire, which included most of Central Europe at that time, was headed by a single emperor, but he did not have total authority. His empire included dozens of small states, each with its own ruler, who fought vigorously against increased imperial power.

Since the 1450s, all of the Holy Roman Emperors had come from a single family, the Hapsburgs. In the early 1600s, an attempt

by one of the Hapsburg emperors to exert his authority launched a terrible conflict known as the **Thirty Years' War**. Alliances between the Hapsburgs and other European monarchs helped make the war a continent-wide affair.

The Thirty Years' War The Thirty Years' War began as a religious dispute. In 1618 in Prague (now in the Czech Republic) an official representing Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II, who was Roman Catholic, ordered that two Protestant churches be shut down. Local Protestants were furious. They responded by throwing the emperor's representatives out of the palace windows. Although the men landed on a rubbish heap and were unhurt, their dignity was damaged.

The emperor's attempt to control people's religion sparked revolt throughout the region. Nobles in the German states of Bavaria and Austria rebelled against the emperor, and nobles from other states soon joined them. The rulers of other countries became involved in the war as well. The monarchs of Spain, who were also members of the Hapsburg family, joined the war on Ferdinand's side. In response, the king of France, Spain's rival, joined the Protestant opposition. The kings of Denmark and Sweden also joined on the Protestant side.

The Thirty Years' War dragged on until 1648, with devastating effects on Germany. Several million Germans died—in battle, from disease, or starvation because their fields were ruined. In the end, the two sides agreed to the **Treaty of Westphalia**, which ended the war. In addition to extending religious toleration to both Catholics and Protestants, the treaty further reduced the power of the Holy Roman emperor and strengthened the rulers of the states within it.

Austria and Prussia Among the rulers who gained from the treaty were the leaders of Austria and Prussia. Austria was governed by the Hapsburg family, while Prussia's rulers came from a rival family, the Hohenzollerns.

In 1740 the Hapsburg Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI died without a male heir. But before he died he had approved a document called the Pragmatic Sanction, which stated that the empire could be passed to a female heir. It seemed his daughter, **Maria Theresa**, would take the throne.



Storming of the Town of Magdeburg, artist unknown, 1631

A Deadly Assault

The Holy Roman Emperor's forces stormed Magdeburg, Germany, in 1631 and butchered two-thirds of the townspeople. Outrage over the slaughter inspired the Swedes under Gustavus Adolphus to fight harder. **Why could it be said that the battle of Magdeburg was both a victory and defeat for its conquerors?**

The Hohenzollerns had a different plan. Frederick II of Prussia, also called **Frederick the Great**, seized the Austrian province of Silesia, which had minerals and industries. To avoid a long war, Frederick offered Maria Theresa an alliance. He also promised to help her husband become Holy Roman Emperor. Maria Theresa turned him down, and the War of the Austrian Succession broke out in 1740. Soon Spain, France, and two German states entered the war on Prussia's side, each hoping to gain territory. With so much against her, Maria Theresa asked for peace in 1748. Prussia kept Silesia, launching Prussia to a position of real power.

Continued Rivalry Prussia's victory only intensified the rivalry between Austria and Hungary, and it was not long before war broke out again. In 1756 the Seven Years' War began. On one side were Prussia—still ruled by Frederick the Great—and Great Britain. On the other were Austria, France, and Russia. Fighting occurred not just in Europe, but also in the enemies' colonies in North America and India.

During the first part of the war, Prussia was on the verge of defeat. At one point, Austrian and Russian forces even occupied the capital, Berlin. But then Russia pulled out of the war, allowing Prussia to regain strength. Eventually, Prussia emerged as the strongest military power in Europe. With his newfound might, Frederick pushed his opponents out of Prussia. As a result, the war ended in 1763 with both



sides exhausted. However, the rivalry between Austria and Prussia was far from over. Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns struggled for control of Central Europe for many more years.

READING CHECK Recall What were three wars that affected Central Europe?

SECTION 4 ASSESSMENT

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Online Quiz

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Reviewing Ideas, Terms, and People

1. **a. Define** Write a brief definition for the following terms: czar, boyars.
b. Explain Why was Ivan IV known as Ivan the Terrible?
c. Develop Why would uncertainty about who would be czar contribute to a Time of Troubles?
2. **a. Identify** What was the significance of Russia's new capital at St. Petersburg?
b. Draw Conclusions Do you think Peter I earned the name Peter the Great? Why or why not?
3. **a. Recall** How did Catherine the Great become czarina?
b. Explain How did Pugachev's revolt affect her reign?
4. **a. Describe** How did the Thirty Years' War begin?
b. Identify Cause and Effect How did the rivalry between the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns affect Central Europe?

Critical Thinking

5. **Compare and Contrast** Use your notes and a chart like the one below to identify major figures in Russia and Central Europe, key events, and the roles they played in those events.

Person	Event	Role

FOCUS ON WRITING

6. **Persuasion** Imagine that you are a German engineer who has moved to Russia to help Peter the Great build St. Petersburg. Write a letter in which you try to persuade another professional back home to come work with you in Russia.

Imperial St. Petersburg

Cities reflect the history of the rulers who built and ruled them. St. Petersburg certainly reflects the determination of Peter the Great to create a grand new capital with a warm-water port. Peter started construction on the city in 1703—even before he had truly won the land from Sweden. The site he chose was actually a dank swamp—a place so hazardous that some 40,000 Swedish prisoners of war died while building the city. Their bones went into the city's foundations. After Peter's rule, his successors added more features that were heavily influenced by Western European styles.

▼ This 1712 map shows Peter's original plan for the city.



The Fortress of Saints Peter and Paul

Among the buildings within the fortress walls are a mint, Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, a prison, and museums.

The Admiralty

The Admiralty began as a shipyard, where some 10,000 men worked at building the ships for Peter's new navy. It is now the home of the Naval Engineering School.

The Neva River

Although the Neva provides advantages, it floods badly. In 1703 a flood swept the building materials away only three months after construction of the city had begun.



GEOGRAPHY SKILLS INTERPRETING MAPS

- 1. Location** Peter's original plan was for Vasilevskiy Island, at the far left, to be the city's center. That plan was abandoned, and the city grew up around the Admiralty. What may have accounted for the change in plans?
- 2. Place** How do you think early visitors to St. Petersburg reacted to the buildings pictured here?



▼ This view of a bridge over the Neva River shows the grandeur of St. Petersburg.

View of the Troizkoi Bridge, by J. Schroeder, 1806



▲ Several palaces make up the Hermitage. The original palace was built for Peter's daughter Elizabeth, who took the Russian throne in 1741. Today, the Hermitage is one of the world's finest art museums.



▲ Peterhof, Peter the Great's own palace, is outside the city, linked directly to the Gulf of Finland by a canal. Pictured above is the Grand Cascade.

Views of Absolutism

Historical Context These documents reveal different reactions to absolutism, a dominant political theory in the 1500s through 1700s in parts of Europe.

Task Study the selections and answer the questions that follow. After you have studied all the documents, you will be asked to write an essay supporting or criticizing absolutism. You will need to use evidence from these selections and from the chapter to support the position you take in your essay.

DOCUMENT 1

Queen Catherine's Dream

This English cartoon shows Catherine the Great being offered the cities of Warsaw and Constantinople by the devil. The title is “Queen Catherine’s Dream.” Catherine claimed to be fighting the Turks to free Constantinople and the Ottoman Empire from Muslim rule. The English had a different view. They accused her of simply wanting more territory.



Queen Catherine's Dream, by Richard Newton, 1791

DOCUMENT 2

The Sun King's Emblem

Louis XIV chose the sun as his emblem because of the “unique quality of the radiance . . . the good it does in every place.” He believed that “the profession of king is great, noble, a fount of delight” and that “God who made you king will give you the necessary guidance.” The golden emblem shown here is from Versailles, the elaborate palace that Louis built outside the city of Paris.



Réunion des Musées Nationaux / Art Resource, NY

DOCUMENT 3

On the Divine Right of Kings

Jacques Benigne Bossuet, Bishop of Meaux, served as tutor to the French heir to the throne. Bossuet strongly supported absolutism in this excerpt from his treatise titled *Politics Derived from Holy Writ*.

We have already seen that all power is of God . . . Rulers then act as the ministers of God and as his lieutenants on earth. It is through them that God exercises his empire . . . The royal throne is not the throne of a man, but the throne of God himself . . .

Note what is said in Ecclesiasticus: "God has given to every people its ruler." . . . He therefore governs all peoples and gives them their kings . . .

But kings, although their power comes from on high, . . . must employ it with fear and self-restraint, as a thing coming from God and of which God will demand an account . . .

God is infinite, God is all. The prince, as prince, is not regarded as a private person: he is a public personage, all the state is in him; the will of all the people is included in his. As all perfection and all strength are united in God, so all the power of individuals is united in the person of the prince.

DOCUMENT 4

Why Did Charles I Fight the Civil War?

Here British historian Conrad Russell expresses his views on the limitations that monarchs faced.

The belief that it was the duty of a ruler to enforce uniformity in the true religion was one which caused difficulties . . . Philip II in the Netherlands failed in this task for reasons not altogether different from those of Charles I. Both felt themselves obliged to fight rather than give up the struggle . . .

For him, [Charles I] then, the problem of religious unity was one of unity between kingdoms . . . On this point, Charles's Scottish opponents agreed with him. They too thought that unless there was unity of religion and church government between England and Scotland, there would be permanent instability . . . Charles, moreover, did not only have a King of England's resistance to Scottish notions of Presbyterianising England: he also had to view such a proposal through the eyes of the King of Ireland. A religious settlement in which it would have been a key point that no papists were to be tolerated would hardly have led to stability in Ireland . . . Of all the participants in the crisis of 1640–42, Charles was the only one whose position forced him to a genuinely British perspective.

Skills FOCUS

READING LIKE A HISTORIAN

DOCUMENT 1

- a. **Describe** What elements of the cartoon suggest that the cartoonist is suspicious of Catherine's motives?
- b. **Infer** How does the cartoon reflect the history of absolutism in England, in contrast to its history in Russia?

DOCUMENT 2

- a. **Analyze** Why do you think Louis chose this emblem? Is it an appropriate emblem for Louis XIV?
- b. **Infer** What do you think the effect of this emblem might have been on the people who saw it at Versailles?

DOCUMENT 3

- a. **Identify** On what basis does Bossuet justify absolutism?
- b. **Analyze** Does Bossuet think there are any limitations on the king's power? Why or why not?

DOCUMENT 4

- a. **Describe** What limited Charles I's choices?
- b. **Infer** How does the writer view Charles I's decisions?

DOCUMENT-BASED ESSAY QUESTION

People held different views on the proper role of the monarch and the limits of royal authority. Using the documents above and information from the chapter, form a thesis that supports a role for absolute monarchy or argues for limits on royal power. Consider if there were both benefits and hazards of absolutism. Then write a short essay to support your position.

See **Skills Handbook**, pp. H25, H26

VISUAL STUDY GUIDE

Monarchs of Europe: 1500–1800

Spain

Ruler	Major Events	Results of Reign
Charles V	Many enemies, Reformation, Peace of Augsburg	Spain powerful; empire divided between heirs
Philip II	Dutch revolt, Armada defeat	Spain weakened

France

Ruler	Major Events	Results of Reign
Henry IV	Survived massacre, issued Edict of Nantes	Calmed religious conflict, repaired war-torn country
Louis XIII	La Rochelle, clash with nobles, Thirty Years' War	Huguenots and nobles weakened
Louis XIV	Versailles built, revocation of the Edict of Nantes, military buildup	Absolutism firmly established, economic growth, expensive wars

Central Europe

Ruler	Major Events	Results of Reign
Maria Theresa (Austria)	War of Austrian Succession, Seven Years War	Continued competition with Hohenzollerns
Frederick II (the Great) (Prussia)	War of Austrian Succession, Seven Years War	Prussia as major European power

England

Ruler	Major Events	Results of Reign
Henry VIII	Split with pope	Parliament strengthened
Elizabeth I	War with Spain	England undefeated
Charles I	Led troops into Parliament	Executed amid English Civil War
Cromwell	Civil War, conflicts abroad	Ruled alone, created resentment
Charles II	Restoration	Habeas Corpus Act
William and Mary	Glorious Revolution, English Bill of Rights	Parliament's power greatly increased

Russia

Ruler	Major Events	Results of Reign
Ivan IV	Reforms, expanded territory, terror	Time of Troubles
Peter I (the Great)	Reforms, <i>streltsy</i> rebellion, St. Petersburg built	Beginning of westernization
Catherine II (the Great)	Rebellion, rural government reform	More power for nobles over serfs

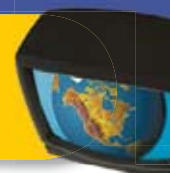
Review Key Terms and People

Identify the correct term or person from the chapter that best fits each of the following descriptions.

- war that lasted from 1618 to 1648 and devastated Germany
- transfer of power to William III and Mary II
- treaty that gave the rulers of German states the right to decide the religion of their states
- the most trusted adviser of King Louis XIII
- French Protestants
- the right to rule
- fleet that tried to invade England in 1588
- belief that God grants absolute power to monarchs
- supporters of Charles I

History's Impact video program

Review the video to answer the closing question on the influence of El Greco, Velázquez, and Cervantes.



Comprehension and Critical Thinking

SECTION 1 (pp. 535–538)

- 10. a. Recall** What were two reasons why Charles V had a difficult time ruling his empire?
- b. Sequence** What events foiled the Spanish Armada's invasion of England?
- c. Elaborate** Why might a historian title a book about Spain from 1550 to 1650 *A Glorious Failure*?

SECTION 2 (pp. 540–544)

- 11. a. Identify** What happened in Paris early in the morning on August 24, 1572?
- b. Explain** Why did Cardinal Richelieu want to crush the power of the nobles and the Huguenots?
- c. Elaborate** Why was the revocation of the Edict of Nantes a problem for more people than just the Huguenots?

SECTION 3 (pp. 545–550)

- 12. a. Describe** How did Cromwell change English society?
- b. Infer** Why did the people of London cheer Charles II when he returned from exile?
- c. Develop** The English monarchy developed in a very different direction than did the monarchies of Spain and France. How did it differ?

SECTION 4 (pp. 552–557)

- 13. a. Identify** By what name is Ivan IV often remembered?
- b. Compare and Contrast** What were some high points and low points of Peter the Great's rule?
- c. Draw Conclusions** Why was the Thirty Years' War one of the worst disasters in German history?

Reading Skills

Connecting Read the passage below from this chapter. Then answer the question that follows.

“Soon after the Protestant Reformation began in Germany, it spread to France. By the 1560s, about one in ten French men and women was a Huguenot, or French Calvinist Protestant.”

- 14.** How does this passage connect with what you learned in a previous chapter about the Reformation? Which words help you remember what you have learned?

Interpreting Political Cartoons

Reading Like a Historian Peter the Great wanted to westernize Russia. He even ordered Russian men to cut their beards so they would look more European.



Woodcut showing Russian official cutting off a beard; artist unknown

- 15. Analyze** Do you think the artist approved of Peter's rule? Why or why not?

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Practice Online

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Using the Internet

- 16.** The era of absolute monarchs was also a key period for the extension of government functions. Rulers set up more effective administrations and got involved in new activities, such as building hospitals. Using the keyword above, research expansion of the government's role in one country and write a report on your findings.

WRITING FOR THE SAT

Think about the following issue:

The concept of absolutism influenced monarchs to varying degrees, and the monarchs' reigns affected their countries long after their deaths.

- 17. Assignment:** Some monarchs left their countries in better condition than when they began their rule, while others left lasting damage. Choose three of the monarchs from the chapter and, in a brief essay, compare and contrast how absolutism affected those rulers' impact on their countries.