

Absolute Monarchy: Crash Course European History #13

- 1) Investigate and report on the **inequalities** between the rich and the poor during the early reign of Louis XIV (1638-1715) of **France**.
- 2) Clarify why **black bread** was not good to eat in the 17th century.
- 3) Analyze the reasons why **the paulette** was a popular way to tax officeholders as well as to create a powerful class of **bureaucrats** called **the Nobles of the Robe** during the **Late Middle Ages** (1250-1500) in **France**.
- 4) Evaluate the reasons why Anne of Austria (1601-1666) and Cardinal Mazarin (1602-1661) tried to throw the **Nobles of the Robe** out of office only to fail and weaken the perceived **absolute power** of the **monarchy**.
- 5) Explain why YOU think **Jansenism** manifested itself in **France** and strove to instill awareness of **spirituality** in the **French population**.
- 6) Analyze how Louis XIV (aka the **Sun King**) managed to distract the **nobility** by organizing the **administration** of his kingdom with a spectacular **court life** at his palace complex in **Versailles** in the 1680s.
- 7) Explain why Louis XIV held to the notion of **absolutism** or the **divine right** to rule.
- 8) Analyze what happened to the **Protestants** in **France** after Louis XIV revoked the **Edict de Nantes** in 1685 nullifying the **civil rights** of the **Huguenots** to practice their **Calvinist** religion.

- 9) Clarify the role that **mercantilist** Jean-Baptiste Colbert (1619-1683) had in driving the French kingdom's **economy** under Louis XIV.
- 10) Report how the **illegal** proliferation of **cotton clothing** showed how people secretly went against the **absolutist rules** of Louis XIV.
- 11) Briefly analyze how **absolutism** came to be seen under Louis XIV.