

# Chapter 15: Absolutism

# Reading Questions

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**p. 400-408**

**11 points**

1. Much of the chapter will be about Louis XIV. How did the duc de Saint-Simon describe him?
2. What was the economy of the early 1600s like, and how did it affect Spain & Italy?
3. According to modern historians, why did the hunt for witches become so prominent in this period?
4. PD402 – Why did Suzanne Gaudry ultimately claim to be a witch?
5. There were two issues that led to the Thirty Years' War. One was religion. What was the other?
6. Over what issue was Frederick deposed? How did he react?
7. Why did many princes react negatively to the Edict of Restitution?
8. Why did France choose to enter the war?
9. What were the significant impacts of the Peace of Westphalia (1648)?
10. List the elements new to warfare in this period.
11. What prompted many peasant revolts around 1648?

**p. 408-416**

**10 points**

12. What is the reasoning behind absolutism or absolute monarchy?
13. How did Richelieu change the government of France?
14. What was the Fronde, and how did Mazarin deal with it?
15. Was Louis XIV really an absolute monarch? In what ways did he succeed? How did he fall short? (3 points)
16. How did Louis XIV use Versailles for political control?
17. PD414 – How did the king treat the people near him? Why?
18. What was Louis XIV's goal in his wars?
19. List the events and dates that contributed to the decline of Spain.

**p. 416-424**

**9 points**

20. Who created a powerful Prussian state? How did they accomplish it?
21. What were the problems Austria faced that prevented it from becoming as strong as France?
22. What was the Time of Troubles? How did it end?
23. What were the goals of Peter the Great?
24. Which of these goals did Peter accomplish?
25. PD420 – How did Peter handle the Streltsy revolt?
26. How did the monarchy and the nobles interact in Sweden?
27. How did the role of the Ottoman Empire in European politics change in this period?
28. Why were the Ottomans disinclined to attack in the early 1600s?

**p. 424-430**

**8 points**

29. Why was the Polish monarchy especially weak?
30. Why were the Dutch powerful? Where were they powerful?
31. What was the root of the argument between Charles I and the Parliament?
32. How was that argument resolved?
33. What kind of leader was Oliver Cromwell?

34. Following the restoration of the monarchy, what conflicts occurred between Parliament & the crown?
35. Text and PD429 – How did rule under William & Mary (and subsequent monarchs) differ from previous times?
36. Describe the differences between how Hobbes & Locke viewed revolution.

**p. 431-436**

**5 points**

37. PD431 & text – Why is Mannerism so terribly ugly?
38. What kind of subjects did Baroque artists portray?
39. How did French Classicism differ from Baroque art?
40. What kinds of things were the Dutch Realists interested in?
41. How did the role of theater differ in English vs. French society?