

King Louis XIV once famously said

L'Etat c'est moi

which means

I am the government.

What if you were an absolute monarch? How would you control your nobles? What would life be like in your Versailles?

First: Draw your own Chateau de Versailles

It should be designed to show your complete power over your nobles. You cannot be anything but absolutely powerful!

It can be in any style you want (it doesn't have to be Baroque, like the real Versailles).

Some things to consider:

- How many rooms?
- What are your gardens like?
- Where do you sleep? Eat? Recreate?
- Where do you meet with your nobles? Where do they stay?

Second: Write a two- to three-paragraph account that shows what it is like to be a member of the nobility during your reign.

This could be a journal entry, letter, or a section of a book.

It could describe a particular event, or it could just be a description of a day in the life of your nobles.

Things to consider:

- What is daily life like in your palace?
- What are your nobles' duties and responsibilities?
- How do your nobles treat you?
- How do you demonstrate your absolute authority?
- How does the work of ruling get done?

Why?

You should show me that you understand that an absolute monarch has complete (absolute) authority over his/her subjects. You should also show that controlling the nobles is an essential part of being an absolutist.