

Absolutism & the Scientific Revolution Study Guide

Vocabulary

Absolutism	Copernicus
Louis XIV	Galileo
Versailles	Descartes
tsar	Isaac Newton
Peter the Great	John Locke
English Civil War	Blaise Pascal
Oliver Cromwell	Francis Bacon
Glorious Revolution	Baroque

Questions

1. What was the philosophy behind Absolutism? In other words, why did they believe they needed a ruler with absolute power?
2. What was Louis XIV's childhood like? How did his childhood influence his feelings about the nobility?
3. What was the purpose of the Chateau de Versailles? Did it work?
4. Why did they call Louis XIV the "Sun King?" Who copied Louis?
5. What were the primary goals of Peter the Great? How did he try to accomplish them? Was he successful?

6. In your opinion, does Absolutism work? Why or why not?
7. What actions of Charles I angered the English people?
8. What was the Long Parliament? What were their goals?
9. How did Parliament's struggle with Charles I end?
10. What kind of ruler did Oliver Cromwell want to be?
11. What kind of ruler was Oliver Cromwell?
12. What led to the Glorious Revolution?
13. How did the Glorious Revolution change things for the English people?
14. In reviewing the English Civil War, what do you think made the people angrier: religious issues or issues regarding personal freedoms? Give a specific example to defend your answer.
15. How did people view the world before Copernicus?

16. How did people view the world after Sir Isaac Newton?

How did each of the following change the way people approached science:

17. Descartes

18. Sir Francis Bacon

19. Blaise Pascal

20. What did John Locke say? Why did he believe that?

Briefly describe the Baroque period in regards to each of the following, and give one example of each:

21. Architecture

22. Art

23. Music