FRENCH ABSOLUTISM

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LOUIS XIII

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HISTORY of the DEVELOPMENT of FRENCH ABSOLUTISM

- Feudal Liberties
- Estates General
- Local Estates
- Fundamental Laws
- Noble vs Towns
- 300 Regional Law Systems
- France a Bundle of Territory held together by the King
When France was in Trouble they turned to the King (100 Years War and Wars of Religion)
Richelieu built on King Henry IV accomplishments
The Fronde (noble revolt during early years of Louis XIV reign) added to incentives of absolutism
GENERAL CAUSES OF ABSOLUTISM

- DECLINE OF FEUDALISM
- RISE OF CITIES AND MIDDLE CLASS
- GROWTH OF NATIONAL KINGDOMS
- LOSS OF CHURCH AUTHORITY
- RELIGIOUS AND TERRITORIAL CONFLICT
- BUILDUP OF ARMIES
- NEED FOR INCREASED TAXES
- REVOLTS OF PEASANTS AND NOBLES
RISE OF FRENCH ABSOLUTISM

- Abolish power of the nobles
- Maintain a huge standing army
- Restrict the authority of the Pope
- National taxation
- Hiring mercenary troops
LOUIS XIII

- Born Sept. 27, 1601
- King May 14, 1610
- Married to Anne of Austria Nov. 24, 1615
- Personality - sulky, morose, shy, secretive, and had a violent temper
- Died of Tuberculosis May 14, 1643
LOUIS AND ANNE
ANNE OF AUSTRIA

- Daughter of King Philip III of Spain Born 1601 Died 1666
- Marriage (24 Nov. 1615) unconsummated for 4 years
- Louis XIV conceived in 1637, 22 years after their marriage Born Sept. 5, 1638
- Duke Orleans born 1640
CARDINAL RICHELIEU

- Armand Jean de Plessis de Richelieu
- Born Sept. 9, 1585
- Cardinal 1622
- 1624 ran the government
- Died Dec. 4, 1642
RICHELIEU’S GOALS

- Destroy all limitations on the power of the king
- Make France the most powerful country in Europe
- Break the Hapsburg ring
GENEALOGY OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AT THE TIME OF VERSAILLES

LOUIS XIII
(1601-1643)
m. Anne of Austria (1601-1666)

LOUIS XIV
(1638-1715)
m. Marie-Thérèse of Spain
(1638-1683)

Louis
(1661-1711)
The Grand Dauphin
m. Maria-Anna of Bavaria
(1660-1690)

Philippe (1640-1701)
Duc d’Orléans
m. 1. Henrietta of England
m. 2. E. Charlotte of Bavaria

Philippe (1674-1723)
Regent of France
during the minority
of Louis XV
m. Mlle de Blois,
Louis XIV's legitimated
daughter

Charles
(1686-1714)
Duc de Berry

Louis, Duc d’Orléans
(1703-1752)
m. Princess of Baden

LOUIS XV
(1710-1774)
m. Maria Leczinska
(1703-1768)

Philippe
(1683-1746)
Duc d’Anjou
Philip V of Spain
eleven children incl. :

Louis
(1682-1712)
Duc de Bourgogne
m. Marie-Adélaïde of Savoy
(1685-1712)

Mme Elisabeth
Duchesse de Parme
m. Duc de Parme
Mme Henriette

LOUIS XVI
(1751-1761)
Duc de Berry
m. Marie-Antoinette of Austria
(1755-1793)

LOUIS XVII
(1785-1795)

MARIE-THÉRÈSE
(1778-1851)
(Mme Royale)

LOUIS XVIII
(1755-1824)
Comte de Provence
m. Maria-Josepha of Savoy
(1753-1810)

CHARLES X
(1757-1836)
Comte d’Artois
m. Maria-Therese of Savoy
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Louis-Philippe (1725-1785)
Duc d’Orléans
m. Mlle de Conti

Mme Cloëtede Penthièvre

Louis-Philippe (1747-1793)
Philippe-Egalité
m. L.-M. Adélaïde de Penthièvre

LOUIS-PHILIPPE I
(1773-1850)
m. Marie-Amélie of Bourbon-Sicily
from whom the present house of France is descended
FRANCE ON CROWNING OF LOUIS XIV

- France was the strongest country in Europe
- French government the modal of absolutism
- France was the modal for war and diplomacy
- France the center for architecture, literature, thought, clothes, cooking, and etiquette
THE YOUNG LOUIS XIV
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- Born Sept. 5, 1638
- King May 14, 1643
- Married June 9, 1660 to Marie-Theresa of Spain (1638-1683)
- Died Sept. 1, 1715 of gangrene from a leg infection.
MARIE-THERESA

- Daughter of King Phillip IV of Spain
- Her marriage was written in the Treaty of the Peace of the Pyrenees.
- Louis was madly in love with Marie Mancini Cardinal Marzarin’s Niece

Marie had 6 children by Louis only 1 lived The Grand Dauphin
LOIUS XIV MISTRESSES

- MARIE MANCINI 1657-1660
- LOUISE DE LA BAUME-LEBLANC (DUCHESS LA VALLIERE) 1661-67
- ATHENAISS DE ROCHECHOUART-MORTEMONT (MARQUISE DE MONTESPAN) 1667-1678
- ANGELIQUE DE SCOIGAILLE (DUCHESS DE FORNTANGES)
- FRANCOISE D’AUBIGNE SCARRON (MADAME DE MAINTENON) 1683-1715
DUCHESS LA VALLIERE

- Mistress 1661-1667
- 4 Illegitimate children by Louis XIV
- When Louis dumped her in 1667 she became a nun
MARQUISE DE MONTESPMAN
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- Born 1640
- Mistress 1667-1678
- 7 Illegitimate Children
- Died 1707
- In the years after her time with Louis XIV she gave money to the poor.
MADAME DE MAINTENON

- Mistress, nurse and secret 2nd wife to Louis XIV 1685-1715
- Raised Louis children by Madame de Montespan
"I AM THE STATE"!