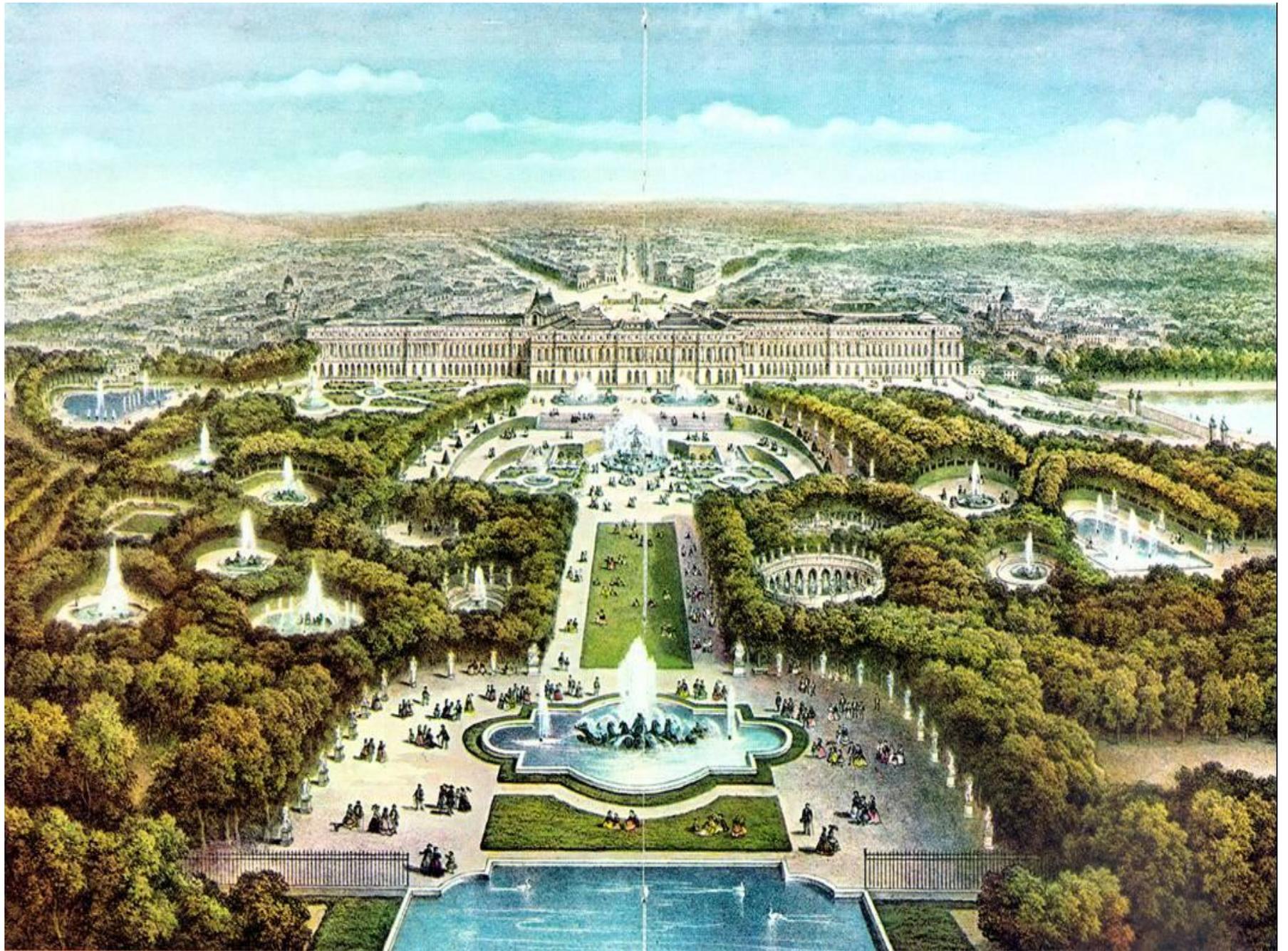


Age of Absolutism

France under Louis XIV

EQ: How did Louis XIV get and strengthen absolute royal power??
What choices of Louis XIV caused France trouble for centuries?





Rebuilding France



- 1560's-1590's: Religious wars b/t the Huguenots (French Protestants) & Catholics
- 8/24/1572: St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre
 - 1,000's of Huguenots are killed
 - *Symbolizes the absolute chaos in France at the time*

Henry IV

- Becomes King in 1589, is a Huguenot but becomes Catholic (smart) and issues the Edict of Nantes
- Edict of Nantes calls for Religious Toleration & lets Hug. Fortify their cities

Henry IV continued...

- He also:
 - Builds royal bureaucracy & reduced the power of the nobles (laying groundwork for absolute monarchs)
 - Henry IV is killed in 1610, his 9 year old son: Louis XIII inherits the throne

Partner Recap

Determine who goes 1st...

1st person: Say everything you remember about "Rebuilding France" ... 2nd person: LISTEN

When I say "SWITCH" ... the 2nd person should only say the things the 1st person did NOT mention...

Inferring: Just You

- Who in a Catholic nation would be the closest/most high ranking advisor to the monarch?
- Why?

Cardinal Richelieu (CR)

- 1624: L13 appoints him as “Chief Minister” (real power behind the throne)

CR want to do the following:

- 1) Destroy power of Hug. & Nobles
- 2) Increase absolute royal power

How he does it...

- CR does this by:

- 1) Destroying Hug. Cities/ fortified Noble castles
- 2) "" Hug. Armies/private noble armies
- 3) Ties Nobles to King by giving jobs @ court & in the army

It works

CR picks his successor: Cardinal Mazarin/ Mazarin does the same stuff for Louis XIV

Inferring: As a Group

- How do you KNOW that Louis XIV inherited a stable, strong throne to have absolute power in France?
- USE WHITEBOARDS TO ANSWER AS A GROUP!!

Louis XIV (L14): The Sun King

- Inherits throne in 1643 @ age 5/Mazarin “rules” until he dies in 1661 then L14 takes over...

L14's reign: “L’etat c’est moi” ...



This is how it goes...

- Uprising, “Fronde”, where nobles/merchants/peasants rebel
- L14 never forgets & wants ABSOLUTE POWER
- He never calls meeting of ESTATES GENERAL (council of rep. of all classes)
- Expands bureaucracy by appointing intendants
- Strengthened military (a lot)
- Req. nobles be @ court so he cld. Control them
- Sponsored all Arts
- Rules for 72 years...

The Would Be Gentleman...

- Read and answer questions as a class...

Successes & Failures of L14's Reign

Military

- Fought wars to expand territory & power
- English & Dutch create alliances to maintain "balance of power"
- (Failure: spent too much \$\$ & didn't really get anything)

Successes/Failures continued...

Economy

L14's Finance minister was Colbert who:

- 1) Strengthened mercantilist policies
- 2) Cleared land for farming/mining etc.

(Colbert did a great job BUT L14 spent too \$\$ & France is left broke after him)

Successes/Failures continued...

Huguenots

L14 persecuted them/ revoked Edict of Nantes
BIGGEST MISTAKE because...

Hug. Were his Richest, most hardworking
subjects (and many left the country)

Louis XIV always said,

Le Petit Journal

“Après moi, the deluge...”

Meaning...“After me, the flood”



LES ÉCLATS DES CATASTROPHES

Exit Ticket as Group

- Answer:
- What choices of Louis XIV caused France trouble for centuries?

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