

**Focus Question: What was absolutism in theory, and how did its actual practice in France reflect or differ from the theory?**

**absolutism**

**Bishop Jacques Bossuet**

**divine right monarchy**

**intendants**

**the Fronde**

## **The Practice of Absolutism: Western Europe**

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**Absolute Monarchy in France**

**Foundations of French Absolutism: Cardinal Richelieu**

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**Cardinal Mazarin**

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**Reign of Louis XIV (1643-1715) of France**

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*Primary Source: Louis XIV: Kingly Advice, pg. 453*

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*What general principles did Louis XIV set forth for the guidance of his son (and heir to the throne)?*

*To what extent did Louis follow his own advice?*

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**Administration of the Government**

**Edict of Fontainebleau**

**Louis XIV: Religious Policy**

**Jean-Baptiste Colbert**

**Louis XIV: Financial Issues**

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***Primary Source: Travels with the King, by Duc de Saint-Simon, pg. 456***

***How would you describe the king's personality?***

***Do you think this account might be biased? Why?***

**Daily Life at the Court of Versailles**

**Peace of Utrecht**

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**The Wars of Louis XIV**

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**The Decline of Spain**

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**Reign of Philip IV**

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**So what? What is the significance of this section?**

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