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| **Unit IV – A Question of Sovereignty** |
| **(4-2) Absolutism in France and Eastern Europe – pg. 179 – 200** |
| **Guided Reading Questions** |



*Answer the question or define the term for each:*

**Rise of Absolute Monarchy in France: The World of Louis XIV**

1. How did Cardinals Richelieu and Mazarin help set the groundwork for Louis XIV’s absolute rule?
2. How did the *Fronde* impact Louis XIV’s reign?

**Years of Personal Rule**

1. How did Louis XIV maintain his own authority among the growing and long established nobility?

**Versailles**

1. How did Louis XIV use Versailles to his advantage?

**King by Divine Right**

1. How *absolute* was the absolute monarchy of Louis XIV?

**Louis’s Early Wars**

1. With whom did Louis XIV continuously go to war with on his northern border and why?

**Louis’s Repressive Religious Policies**

1. How did Jansenism help stir conflict between royal authority and the church?
2. How did Louis XIV’s revocation of the Edict of Nantes backfire on him?

**Louis’s Later Wars**

1. Describe how France and Britain fared in the War of Spanish Succession.

**France after Louis XIV**

1. How did the renewed authority of the French parlements help weaken the authority of the king?

**Central and Eastern Europe**

1. Why was most of central and eastern Europe considered politically weak areas?

**Poland: Absence of Strong Central Authority**

1. How did the governmental structure of Poland and the *liberum veto* cause the eventual fall of Poland?

**The Habsburg Empire and the Pragmatic Sanction**

1. Describe the difficulty in uniting regions and people of the Habsburg Empire?

**Prussia and the Hohenzollerns**

1. How was Frederick William able to amass such a large army that his successor was able to acquire the title of King in Prussia?
2. Describe the meaning behind the expression “while other states possessed an army, the Prussian army possessed a state.”

**Russia Enters the European Political Arena**

**The Romanov Dynasty**

**Peter the Great**

1. How are Louis XIV and Peter the Great similar?
2. Describe Peter the Great’s transformation of Russia from fragile power on the periphery of Europe to a prominent European power

**Russian Expansion in the Baltic: The Great Northern War**

1. How did the great Northern War benefit Russia?
2. What did the city of St. Petersburg symbolize?

**Please read the “IN PERSPECTIVE” section for an overview of the chapter.**