

ABSOLUTE MONARCHS – POSTER PROJECT

DUE DATE: Friday November 7th

You will create a poster describing an Absolute Monarch.

You need to include the following:

1. A quote from a primary source describing Absolute Monarchy.
2. The country he/she ruled
3. Background information-including an answer to the question alongside the monarch's name (see below)
4. Two or more actions taken by this monarch that symbolize his status as an **absolute monarch**
5. Three or more pictures (one of the monarch, one of a major contribution of that monarch and a map locating your monarch's lands)

Some things that should be investigated and incorporated into your poster:

- a. Background: Provide a background on your monarch (ex. birth, parents, death, when they ruled, married, children, where they lived, palaces, etc.)
- b. Goals: What were the goals of this monarch for his/her nation? (Include both domestic and foreign policy)
- c. Foreign Affairs: Internationally, what other nations did this monarch ally with? Why? What nations were there conflicts with? Why?
- d. Absolute Power: How did this monarch go about centralizing and concentrating power within his/her nation?
- e. Opinion: In your opinion and by definition is this monarch an "absolute" monarch? Why or why not?

Here is a list of the monarchs:

1. Louis XIV: Why was he called the Sun King?
2. Peter the Great: Explain his attempts at Westernization. What lands did he add to Russia?
3. Catherine the Great: Why is she considered an ENLIGHTENED despot?
4. Elizabeth I: Why was her reign called the Golden Age of England?
5. Maria Theresa: What effect did she have on the power of the nobility?
6. Charles I (England): How did his belief in Divine Right lead to civil war and a revolution in England from 1642-1647?
7. Philip II: How did his economic and military policies lead to the decline of the Spanish Empire?

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Students: _____ and _____

Monarch: _____

Requirement	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Primary Source Quote – describing Absolute Monarchy (x2)						/10
Country s/he ruled						/5
Background Information (x3)						/15
Evidence of Absolute Monarch (two actions) (x3)						/15
Pictures – monarch Major contribution kingdom map (x2)						/10
Effort, neatness and presentation (x3)						/15

TOTAL: _____ / 70