

# Louis XIV – Was he a good or bad leader?

## Agenda:

1. Finish Strengthen/Weaken Chart
2. Louis XIV Notes
3. Louis XIV Reading Packet

## Turn in to Basket:

1. Absolutism in Europe Homework
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- Analyze different policies of Louis XIV of France
- Evaluate whether he was good or bad leader overall

## **Today's Goals**

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- France during the Reformation

- Wars of Religion
- Catholics vs. Huguenots (French Protestants)



# France—Background Information

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# The St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre - 1592 by François Dubois



- Examine the picture.
  - Describe the picture.
  - Predict what will happen in France after this event.
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- Assassinations & mob violence against Huguenots
- Thousands died (5,000-30,000)

## ***St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre***

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- Henry IV
- Became Catholic to try to heal divisions in France
  - “France is worth a mass.”
- Issued Edict of Nantes (1598)
  - Huguenots could live in peace, had right to worship



# Powerful Rulers of France

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# The Sun King

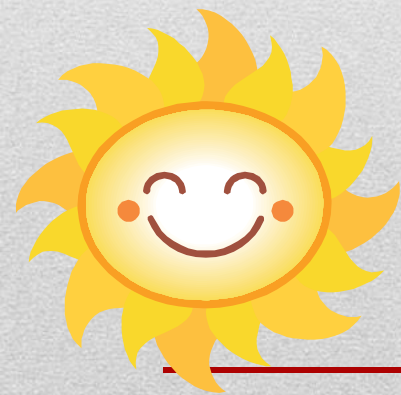
Henry IV

Louis XIII

Cardinal  
Richelieu

Louis XIV

Cardinal  
Mazarin



- Louis XIII was a weak leader, but appointed someone powerful to advise him:
- Cardinal Richelieu
  - Goal: destroy Huguenots and nobles
  - Extend royal power



# Louis XIII and the power behind the throne

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- (1661-1715)
- After Cardinal Mazarin died, 22-year-old Louis took over fully
- “L’etat, c’est moi.”
  - “I AM the state.”
- No Estates General
- Centralization
- Palace at Versailles

# Louis XIV

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# The 3 Estates in France under Louis

- First Estate: Roman Catholic Clergy
  - Second Estate: Nobles
  - Third Estate: Middle class and peasants
  
  - 1 & 2 Estates = 3% of the population (own 70% of all the land in France)
  - 3 Estate = 97% of the population, very poor
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# Versailles

- Louis spent large amounts of money to build his immaculate palace.
  - An example of extravagance at its finest.
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# Versailles Statistics

- 2,000 acres of grounds
  - 12 miles of roads
  - 27 miles of trellises
  - 200,000 trees
  - 210,000 flowers planted every year
  - 80 miles of rows of trees
  - 55 acres surface area of the Grand Canal
  - 12 miles of enclosing walls
  - 50 fountains and 620 fountain nozzles
  - 21 miles of water conduits
  - 3,600 cubic meters per hour: water consumed
  - 26 acres of roof
  - 51,210 square meters of floors
  - 2,153 windows
  - 700 rooms
  - 67 staircases
  - 6,000 paintings
  - 1,500 drawings and 15,000 engravings
  - 2,100 sculptures
  - 5,000 items of furniture and objects d'art
  - 150 varieties of apple and peach trees in the Vegetable Garden
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# Versailles Today





# Palais de Versailles





# Palais de Versailles





# Versailles' Northern Gardens





# Gardens at Versailles





# Chateau de Versailles Gardens





# The Orangerie





# Grounds at Versailles





***The Lightning of the Belvedere***  
**by Claude Chatelet, 1781**





# Fountains, Fountains, and More Fountains!





# And More Fountains!





# And More Fountains!





# And Even More Fountains!!!





# Temple of Love







# Hall of Mirrors



# The King's Bed



# The Queen's Bed





# Louis XIV's Chapel





# Louis XIV's Chapel Altarpiece





# Organ in Louis XIV's Chapel





# Louis XIV's Opera Stage





# Cabinet with Views of Versailles, 19c





# Louis XIV Furniture





# Marie Antoinette's “Peasant” House





# Marie Antoinette's "Peasant's Hut"





# Marie Antoinette's "Peasant's Hut"





# Louis XIV Biography

- Louis XIV Biography

- Why did Louis XIV never forgive the nobility of France?
- How did Louis XIV shock France after Mazarin's death?
- What was revoked in 1685? What effects did this have on France?
- What was the Spanish War of Succession?
- According to the video, what should Louis XIV be remembered for?

- Louis XIV Death & Legacy

- What personal tragedies the Louis XIV experience beginning in 1711?
  - Who was his only heir that lived?
  - Complete the quote: "He couldn't be a \_\_\_\_\_ and a
  - \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time."
  - What illness struck Louis XIV? Where & When did Louis XIV die?
  - What did Louis XIV say on his deathbed?
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- Was Louis XIV a good or bad leader?
- You will read about him, answer questions and gather evidence for each side.
- We will also examine different situations from Louis XIV's reign and analyze whether they strengthened or weakened him as an absolute monarch.

# **Louis XIV Debate**

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# Two Steps:

1. Read the article and highlight/underline evidence. (diff. colors for good and bad)
2. As you go, fill out your chart with evidence for each side

Each piece of evidence must have a quote from the document!



## LOUIS – BAD LEADER

•Louis treated religious minorities terribly – he “destroyed their churches and burned their schools” and also forced people to convert to Catholicism.

## LOUIS – GOOD LEADER




- Was Louis XIV a good or bad leader?
- Write at least 5 sentences to support your answer and use at least 3 pieces of evidence from today.

**Free write in your journal:**

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- Did Louis strengthen or weaken France?
- Did Louis strengthen or weaken his position as a monarch?
- With a partner, analyze the 13 situations from Louis XIV's reign. Determine whether they were a strengthening or weakening force. Make sure to explain your reasoning.

# **Louis XIV Debate**

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- Debate:
- Was Louis XIV a good or bad leader?
  - Identify the top 3 pieces of evidence for both sides of the debate.
- Take a stand!
  - Was Louis XIV overall a good or bad leader?

# Louis XIV Debate

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