

Useful Info #2

Absolutism and Its Alternatives

Crude outline:

- I. Absolutist Rulers
- II. Exceptions to Absolutism
- III. Central Attributes of Absolutism
- IV. The Problem of Sovereignty: Absolutist Arguments
- V. English Exceptionalism

Chronology

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| 1625-49 | Reign of Charles I |
| 1640 | Scottish rebellion, Charles forced to call Parliament (the "Long Parliament") |
| 1642 | English civil war begins between Charles' royalists & parliamentary supporters |
| 1643-1715 | Reign of Louis XIV in France |
| 1643 | The Fronde revolts in France |
| 1646 | Parliamentarians emerge victorious in English civil war |
| 1649 | Charles I tried & executed for treason in England |
| 1651 | Thomas Hobbes authors <i>The Leviathan</i> |
| 1653 | Army commander Oliver Cromwell becomes Lord Protector (dies 1658) |
| 1660 | English monarchy restored with Charles II as King |
| 1685 | Charles II dies, leaving throne to James II (a Catholic!) |
| 1685 | Louis XIV revokes the Edict of Nantes of 1598 (ends religious toleration) |
| 1688 | James II forced to flee, replaced by Wm & Mary from Netherlands |

Terms, Concepts, People:

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| Louis XIV | Versailles |
| Jacques Bossuet | Thomas Hobbes |
| Divine Right | <i>Leviathan</i> |
| Anglican Church | Puritans |
| Oliver Cromwell | English Declaration of Right |
| James II | William and Mary |