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
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 *The Leviathan*
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:
Louis XIV Versailles
Jacques Bossuet Thomas Hobbes
Divine Right *Leviathan*
Anglican Church Puritans
Oliver Cromwell English Declaration of Right
James II William and Mary