

AP European History: Chapter 15 – State Building & Search for Order in Seventeenth Century Overview & Schedule

As the seventeenth century emerged religious wars will come to an end with the 30 Years' War but other social, economic, and political crises arose. Absolutism of monarchies arose as Louis XIV became the most powerful monarch in Europe with others seeking to emulate his dynasty. As new powers emerged from the remnants of the Holy Roman Empire, others declined changing the shape of Europe which was becoming focused on the balance of power. England's monarchy will endure strife as conflict between its king and Parliament exploded in civil war concluding with the formation of the first constitutional monarchy. The seventeenth century's artistic and literary achievements reflected the political and economic developments that consumed the century.

CONTENT TOPICS and Focus Questions

Social Crises, War, and Rebellion

- What economic, social, and political crises did Europe experience in the first half of the seventeenth century?

The Practice of Absolutism: Western Europe

- What was absolutism in theory, and how did its actual practice in France reflect or differ from the theory?

Absolutism in Central, Eastern, and Northern Europe

- What developments enabled Brandenburg-Prussia, Austria, and Russia to emerge as major powers in the seventeenth century?

Limited Monarchy and Republics

- What were the main issues in the struggle between king and Parliament in seventeenth-century England, and how were they resolved?

The Flourishing of European Culture

- How did the artistic and literary achievements of this era reflect the political and economic developments of the period?

HISTORICAL CAUSATION: What are the causes for the rise of absolutism and what were the effects on the states and Europe as a whole?

ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 20

- Lecture: absolutism and Louis XIV
- **HOMEWORK: Text 451-456**

Friday, October 21

- Lecture: Rise of Prussia, Austria, and Russia
- **CAUSATION:** Why did the new empires rise?
- **HOMEWORK: Study for Ch 14 Exam**

Monday, October 24

- Chapter 14 Exam
- **HOMEWORK: Text 456-461**

Tuesday, October 25

- Biography DVD: Peter the Great
- **HOMEWORK: Questions on Peter the Great & CAUSATION; Note card on Absolutism for LEQ**

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Wednesday, October 26

- CAUSATION: Peter the Great's impact on Russia
- What did Poland decline and the Dutch celebrate their "Golden Age"
- **HOMEWORK: Text 462-468**

Thursday, October 27

- Absolutism LEQ
- **HOMEWORK:**

Friday, October 28

- No School

Monday, October 31

- Lecture: the English Civil War – fill in chart
- CAUSATION: What led to the rise of constitutionalism & fall of absolutism in England?
- James I's "True Law of Free Monarchies"
- **HOMEWORK: Text 468-475**

Tuesday, November 1

- Analyze art of the 17th century
- **HOMEWORK: Text 476-484**

***** Chapter 15 Exam Friday November 4; study guide and terms due**