

The Reign of King Louis XIV



Louis XIV, 1701. oil on canvas. Hyacinthe Rigaud



Portrait of Louis XIV of France, 1701. oil on canvas. Hyacinthe Rigaud

In what ways might marriage become a political tool of royal families?

How did Henry IV and Cardinal Richelieu pave the way for Louis XIV to become an absolute monarch?

How did the religious attitudes of Henry IV and Philip II differ?

How might political and religious leaders have reacted to the ideas of Montaigne?

Did Descartes's response to skeptics, such as Montaigne, put an end to the skeptics' arguments? Why?

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What does Louis XIV's use of intendants suggest about his approach to controlling the nobility?

What were the drawbacks of Colbert's mercantilism?

Why might nobles tolerate Louis XIV's high expectations?

How did the different classes of French people react to the lavishness of Versailles?

What were the key events of the War of Spanish Succession?

Why might Britain be considered the big winner during the War of the Spanish Succession?

Why is Louis XIV the perfect example of an absolute monarch?