

ABSOLUTISM

❖ What is the difference between a monarch and an “absolute monarch?”


❖ Absolute Monarch:

- King or Queen who holds all of the power within their state’s boundaries.
- Control every aspect of society.
- Divine right: God created the monarchy and that the monarch acts as God’s representative on earth. Only can answer to God, no one else.



WHAT IS MEANT BY THE
FOLLOWING QUOTE?

“Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely”



WHAT MIGHT PEOPLE GAIN FROM
HAVING A RULER WHOSE POWER IS
TOTAL, OR ABSOLUTE?

- Gain protection, pride, prestige



WHAT FACTORS MIGHT WEAKEN THE POWER OF AN ABSOLUTE MONARCH?

- The rise of powerful foreign enemies, a weak economy, minority groups that identify with other foreign powers.

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HOW DID THE RENAISSANCE, REFORMATION, AND EXPLORATION HELP LEAD TO THE RISE OF ABSOLUTE MONARCHS IN EUROPE?

- ❖ Due to religious and territorial conflicts governments built up large armies and levy heavy taxes.
- ❖ Makes already suffering people more upset...
- ❖ Monarchs try to impose order by increasing their own power until they regulate everything. Church control was weakened, promise of stability, and support from the middle class.

WHAT DOES BUREAUCRACY MEAN?

❖ Organization whose structure and operations are governed to a high degree by written rules and a hierarchy of offices; in its broadest sense, all forms of administration, and in its narrowest, rule by officials.

WHAT ARE THE POSITIVES AND
NEGATIVES OF HAVING AN ABSOLUTE
RULER? (PG 154)

❖ Positives:

- ❖ Things get done faster
- ❖ Security
- ❖ No big decisions for the people, ex. Voting
- ❖ Gain pride, protection and prestige

❖ Negatives:

- ❖ Wars
- ❖ Less freedoms
- ❖ High taxes
- ❖ Bad economy- money problems
- ❖ Rebellions
- ❖ No say in government
- ❖ Rival countries