

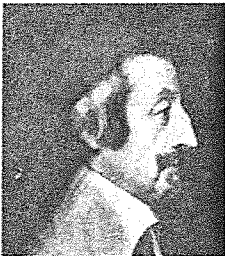
The Bourbons

Louis XIII 1610-1643



- Louis was the 2nd Bourbon king.
- Gained the throne at the age of 9.
- Sickly and timid he allowed Cardinal Richelieu to run the country.

Cardinal Richelieu



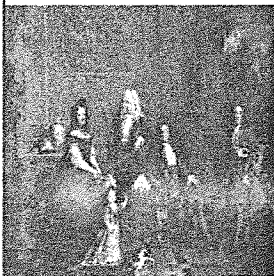
- Believed in the Divine Right of Kings.
- Richelieu became Premier Minister to Louis XIII in 1624.
- Louis exiled his mother rather than give up his valuable minister.

Cardinal Richelieu



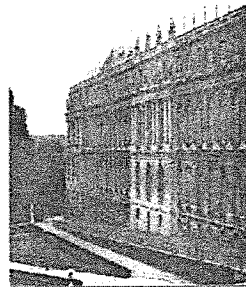
- Under Richelieu:
 1. Monarchy gained absolute control.
 2. The nobility was brought under the control of the king.
 3. France became a world power.

Louis XIV The Sun King



- Claimed the Divine Right of Kings.
- Louis believed the destiny of France revolved around him the way the earth revolves around the Sun.
- "I am the State"

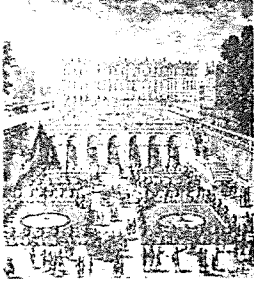
The Palace of Versailles



- Took 47 years to build
- The cost may have exceeded 100-million *fr. 2 billion* dollars.
- Versailles had enough rooms to house 10,000 people.

built by 30,000 workers

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- During a time when many French people did not have shelter or enough to eat, Louis XIV built the lavish Palace of Versailles outside of Paris.

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- The palace served two purposes.
- Louis hosted huge banquets and encouraged his nobles to stay at Versailles so as to keep an eye on them.

The Reign of Louis XIV 1638-1715

- Louis XIV symbolized the true absolute monarch.
- Louis lived a lavish life at Versailles.
- **When Louis XIV died in 1715 he left a legacy of absolute rule, social unrest, and economic debt that would lead to revolution.**