

# Poster Project – Absolute Monarchs

This is due **Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

In groups of **two**, you will create a poster describing the Absolute Monarch you chose. **You need to include the following:**

1. A **quote from a primary source** describing Absolute Monarchy
2. The **country he/she ruled**
3. **Background information**-including an **answer to the question alongside the monarch's name** (see below)
4. Two or more **actions taken by this monarch that symbolize his status** as an absolute monarch
5. **Three or more pictures** (one of the monarch, one of a major contribution of that monarch, and a map locating your monarch's lands)

**Some things that should be investigated and incorporated into your poster:**

- a. **Background:** Provide a background on your monarch (ex. birth, parents, death, when they ruled, married, children, where they lived, palaces, etc.)
- b. **Goals:** What were the goals of this monarch for his/her nation? (Include both domestic and foreign policy)
- c. **Foreign Affairs:** Internationally, what other nations did this monarch ally with? Why? What nations were there conflicts with? Why?
- d. **Absolute Power:** How did this monarch go about centralizing power (take up) within his/her nation?
- e. **Opinion:** In your opinion and by definition, is this monarch an “absolute” monarch? Why or why not?

**Here is a list of the monarchs you may choose from:**

**Louis XIV:** Why was he called the Sun King?

**Peter the Great:** Explain his attempts at Westernization. What lands did he add to Russia?

**Catherine the Great:** Why is she considered an ENLIGHTENED monarch?

**Elizabeth I:** What was the outcome of her navy's battle with the Spanish Armada?

**Maria Theresa:** What effect did she have on the power of the nobility?

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**Charles I (England):** How did his belief in Divine Right lead to civil war and a revolution in England from 1642-1647?

**Philip II:** How did his economic and military policies lead to the decline of the Spanish Empire?

## Suggested Websites:

**Louis XIV:** <http://www.louis-xiv.de/>

<http://en.chateauversailles.fr/history/court-people/louis-xiv-time/louis-xiv>

**Peter the Great:** [http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/peter the great.htm](http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/peter_the_great.htm)

[http://www.historyhouse.com/in history/peter/](http://www.historyhouse.com/in_history/peter/)

**Catherine the Great:**

[http://library.thinkquest.org/11313/Early\\_History/Russians/Catherinell.html](http://library.thinkquest.org/11313/Early_History/Russians/Catherinell.html)

<http://www.alexanderpalace.org/palace/catherine.html>

**Elizabeth I:**

<http://www.elizabethi.org/us/>

<http://www.luminarium.org/renlit/eliza.htm>

**Maria Theresa:**

<http://www.pinn.net/~sunshine/whm2001/maria.html>

<http://europeanhistory.about.com/od/theresamaria/>

**Philip II:**

<http://www.elizabethan-era.org.uk/king-philip-ii-spain.htm>

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/Phillip.htm>

**Charles I (England)**

<http://www.royal.gov.uk/output/page76.asp>

**General Sources**

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook05.html> (**Excellent site for primary sources**)

### Grading Rubric – Poster Project – Absolute Monarchs

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Monarch \_\_\_\_\_

Students: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Requirement	1	2	3	4	5	Total
A quote from a primary source describing Absolute Monarchy (x2)						Out of 10
The country he/she ruled (X 1)						Out of 5
Background Information (X 3)						Out of 15
Two or more actions taken by this monarch that symbolize his status as an absolute monarch (X 3)						Out of 15
Three or more pictures (one of the monarch, one of a major contribution of that monarch and a map locating your monarch's lands) (X2)						Out of 10
Effort, neatness and presentation (x1)						Out of 5
Presentation of your poster to the class. (X 1)						Out of 5
<b>Final Grade</b>						Out of 65

**YOU MUST CITE YOUR SOURCES YOU USED AND ATTACH A BIBLIOGRAPHY IN PROPER MLA FORMAT. THE BIBLIOGRAPHY WILL COUNT AS AN ADDITIONAL 15 – POINT QUIZ GRADE.**

