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Development of Absolutism in Western Europe: France, Spain, Austria, and Prussia

In focusing on the development of absolute monarchs, students will be exposed to all the locations in which they are emerging, but will focus primarily on France for deeper analysis.

Students will first be asked to think back to the French Wars of Religion,

1) Make a list of the actions taken to end the fighting.

They will then be asked to read two primary sources: “Civil War in France” and “Political Will and Testament” (pp 202-203, Sherman vol 1)

2) Using these resources, students will be asked to examine the threats to the king’s power, how those threats were handled, and how the actions changed over time

3) They will also be asked to consider what outside factors contributed to the rise in power for the monarchy

4) Students will also be asked to compare and contrast the rise of absolutism in Russia to that in France and the rest of Western Europe. [CR10]

- Historical Thinking Skills: I 1-3, II 4-5, III 6-7, IV 8-9
- Learning Objectives: SP-11, SP-2

[CR10] - The course provides opportunities for students to compare historical developments across or within societies in various chronological and geographical contexts - Comparison