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**Louis XIV (Day 3)**

Part One:

Directions: Reflect on what you know about “absolute monarchs” and Louis XIV and answer the following questions with your partner:

1. Based on his portrait, describe Louis XIV in three adjectives.
2. Louis XIV famously claimed, “I am the State!” What does Louis XIV mean in this statement?
3. What are the three criteria that are necessary for a monarch to be absolute?

Part Two: Palace of Versailles Video and Discussion

Questions During Video:

1. How does the Palace of Versailles show Louis XIV’s absolute power? List examples.
2. Find three aspects of the palaces that caught your attention.

Questions After Video:

1. Take the three aspects you listed above and explain what practical and/or symbolic purposes that aspect of Versailles might have served.

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| **Aspect** | **Practical and/or Symbolic Purpose** |
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1. Why do you think Louis XIV believed he needed such a large and luxurious palace?

Part Three: Exit Activity

Look at your notes from the lecture or from the video and find three examples that make Louis XIV a true absolute monarch.

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| **Criteria of an Absolute Monarch**  | **Example of Louis XIV’s Reign** |
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