**Unit 5: The Age of Revolutions**

**Lesson 3**

1. Introduction
2. Objective: Absolutism
3. SOL WHII.6b
4. Do Now: Go to Weebly 🡪 Unit 5 🡪 Lesson 2 🡪 “Monarchs.” Read the four sections and complete the chart below.

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|  | **Who rules the country?** | **What power do they have? Be specific!** | **Where does their power come from?** | **Are there any checks and balances? Explain.** | **Which country is this?** |
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What do all four monarchs have in common?

1. Absolutism
2. Define
3. Westernization
4. Louis XIV of France
5. 1638 – 1715
6. “Sun King”
7. Palace of Versailles
8. Centralized Power
9. Frederick the Great of Prussia
10. 1712 – 1786
11. Enlightened Absolutism
12. House of Hapsburg
13. 1278 – 1780
14. Joseph II
15. Peter the Great of Russia
16. 1672 – 1725
17. Enlightened Absolutism
18. Conclusion
19. The Age of Absolutism takes its name from a series of European monarchs who increased the power of their central government.
20. Characteristics of absolute monarchies include:
21. Centralization of power
22. Concept of rule by divine right
23. Some absolute monarchs…
24. Louis XIV of France: Palace of Versailles as a symbol of royal power
25. Peter the Great: Westernization of Russia

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| **Key Terms, Concepts, Events, People, and Places:** |
| Divine Right of Kings | Absolutism | Age of Absolutism | Westernization |
| Louis XIV | “Sun King” | Palace at Versailles | “L’etat, c’est moi!” |
| Edict of Nantes | Frederick the Great | Prussia | Enlightened Absolutism |
| House of Hapsburg | Joseph II | Peter the Great | St. Petersburg |
| **Questions to Consider:** |
| 1. Why was it called the Age of Absolutism?
2. Who were the absolute monarchs? Why were they absolute?
3. Why was Louis XIV known as the “Sun King”?
4. How did Louis XIV centralize power? Why did he centralize power?
5. What did Louis XIV mean when he said “L’etat, c’est moi”?
6. What effect did Louis XIV have on France?
7. What effect did Frederick the Great have on Prussia?
8. What effect did the Hapsburgs have on their empire?
9. What effect did Peter the Great have on Russia?
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