

Age of Absolutism Vocabulary

Absolute monarch-ruler with complete authority over the government and lives of the people he or she governs

Divine right-belief that a ruler's authority comes directly from God

Intendant-official appointed by French king Louis XIV to govern the provinces

Balance of power-distribution of military and economic power that prevents any one nation from becoming too strong

Limited monarchy-government where a constitution or legislative body limits the monarch's powers

Habeas corpus-person cannot be held in prison without first being charged with a specific crime