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Chapter 7 Guided Notes Assignment

**KEY PEOPLE, CONCEPTS, DEVELOPMENTS, IDEAS:**

*Pay particular attention to the items in this section as you read. At the conclusion of the chapter you should have a working understanding of these items.*

Thomas Hobbes

Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet

The Fronde

Mercantilism

Controller-General Colbert

Louis XIV of France

“L’Etat C’est Moi”

Nobles of the Sword

Nobles of the Robe

Versailles

Revocation of the Edict of Nantes

Parlements

Ottoman Turks

Leopold I and the HRE

Hohenzollern Dynasty

War of the Holy League

Ivan IV

Serfdom

Table of Ranks

The Romanovs

Peter the Great

The Balance of Power

International Law

War of Spanish Succession

**KEY QUESTIONS:**

1. How did the writings of 16th and 17th century thinkers justify/legitimize Absolute rule?
2. Why do you think the relationships between the monarchs and the nobles were often problematic?
3. In what ways was religion used by Absolute monarchs to solidify their rule?
4. What was the Fronde? What caused it and what were the important outcomes?
5. What was Mercantilism and why might this economic system appeal to an Absolutist monarch?
6. What limits were there on the French monarchy?
7. Why might one argue that the “Austrian Empire was the least absolute of the absolute empires”?
8. Who were the Hohenzollerns and why was their rule over Prussia so successful?
9. In what ways, and with what results, did Peter the Great rule over Russia? How as Russia transformed?
10. How was the idea of “a balance of power” an important concept in international relations from 1630 to 1730?

**CHAPTER OUTLINE**

**I. THE AGE OF ABOSOLUTISM**

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     3. Absolutism and Warfare
     4. Absolutism and Religion
     5. Monumentalism in Architecture and Art
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     7. The Fronde: Taming Ovemighty Subjects
     8. Mercantilism under Louis XIV
     9. The Absolute Louis XIV
     10. Louis XIV and Adversaries
     11. Louis XIV’s Perspective of Religious Minorities
     12. The Limits of French Absolutism
  3. Balance of Power
     1. The Origins of International Law
  4. The Hapsburg Monarchy
  5. The Rise of Prussia
  6. The Russian and Swedish Empires
     1. The Expansion of Muscovy
     2. The Rival Swedish Empire
     3. Peter the Great Turns Westward
     4. Louis XIV’s Dynastic Wars
  7. The Modern State