**ABSOLUTE**

**MONARCHIES**

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| Absolute Monarch = an all-powerful King or Queen**ABSOLUTE MONARCHIES** | Kings and Queens handed their power down to their children. It was a line of succession that stayed in the family. |
| They made all the laws.They were not subject to the laws. | They ruled by Divine Right.* They believed that they derived their right to rule directly from God.
* Accountable only to God.
* Not to the people!
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 **CAUSES EFFECTS**

**Absolute Monarchs Accumulated Vast Sums of Wealth**

No need to depend on feudal contracts with their vassals.

They used their wealth to build large permanent armies.

These armies were loyal to the King, not to the country.

Taxing the growing wealth of their people.

Expanding trade overseas and within Europe.

Seizing new territories in the New World and Far East.