



*Methods used in the
Age of Absolutism (1600s)
to create the nation-states*

*The palace of Louis XIV Versailles,
just outside of Paris*

1. Mercantilism (tariffs on imports)
 - a. Supposed to strengthen a nation's industry
 - b. Raise revenue for government
2. Use of single religion to unify nation
 - a. Persecution of dissenters
 - b. England used Anglican church
 - c. France and Spain used Roman Catholic church
3. Foreign wars
 - a. England—fought Scotland and Ireland
 - b. France-fought pretty much everybody who wasn't France
 - c. Spain—fought civil wars, the French, and Arabs in the south
4. Power struggles to control political process and taxes
 - a. James and Charles of England struggled to make Parliament approve their taxes (for their foreign wars)
 - b. Louis XIV didn't call the Estates-General during his 72-year reign
 - c. Louis continually fought to limit the power of the aristocracy by
 - i. sending out *intendants* to monitor governance throughout France
 - ii. bringing the aristocrats to Versailles where they could be watched (and their vices could be indulged)
5. Subsidies of allies (both domestic and foreign)
 - a. Louis XIV gave state pensions to his supporters
 - b. He also subsidized the Ottoman empire, which threatened the Hapsburg-ruled Austrian empire.