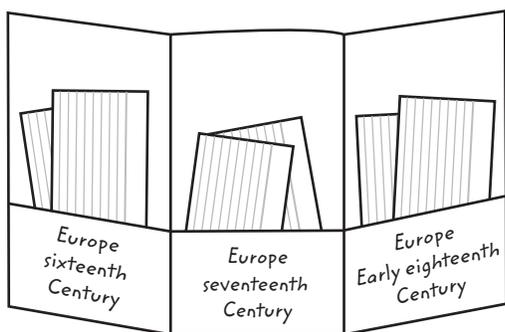


Crisis and Absolutism in Europe, 1550-1715

TOPIC SUMMARY

The monarchs who ruled England, France, Spain, the German states, and Russia from 1550 to 1750 battled to expand their domain and their power. Their struggles led to ongoing strife. Protestants and Catholics also fought for political and religious control. Literature and the arts flourished in parts of Europe, while political thinkers wrestled with ideas about the purpose and scope of government.

Organizing

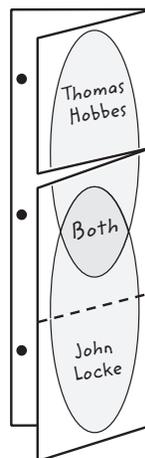


Three-Pocket Folder

Have students make this Three-Pocket Book to organize information about Europe in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries. Students should take notes on note cards about important events, people, and places as they read the chapter. Have them organize their notes by placing them in the appropriate pocket.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 11" x 17" paper, scissors, and glue

Analyzing Points of View

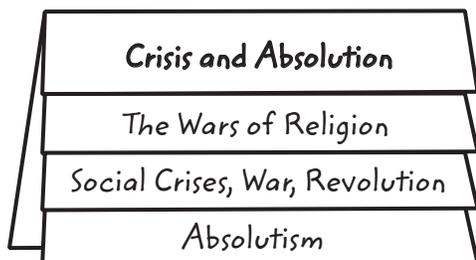


Three-Tab Book

Have students make and use this Three-Tab Book to create a Venn diagram analyzing the points of view of two English political thinkers—Thomas Hobbes and John Locke. Students should write things the two men had in common in the overlapping area of the ovals. Then they can write the highlights of their different approaches to the political climate of the 1600s in the distinct areas of the ovals.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper and scissors

Organizing



Layered-Look Book

Have students make and use this Layered-Look Book to organize information as they read the chapter. Students should write important dates, people, places, and events on flaps labeled *The Wars of Religion*; *Social Crises, War, Revolution*; and *Absolutism*.

Materials Needed: two sheets of 8.5" x 11" paper and a stapler or glue