

Modern World History
Unit 2 Study Guide

Vocab

Jacobin	Catherine the Great
Gironde	Scientific Method
Sans Culotte	Sir Isaac Newton
Divine Right	John Locke
Declaration of Independence	Voltaire
St. Petersburg	Montesquieu
Absolute Monarchy	Jean Jacques Rousseau
Elizabeth I	Denis Diderot
John Wesley	Checks and Balances
Boyars	Ivan the Terrible
Louis XIV	Palace at Versailles
Peter the Great	Maximilien Robespierre
Adam Smith	

Big Concepts and Questions

- How does the US political system compare to those studied in this unit?
 - What are the benefits and drawbacks of having an absolute ruler?
- How did the Enlightenment alter the socio-political landscape of the world? (How did it change the lives of regular people?)
 - How did Europe influence the development of Russia under Peter the Great?
 - In what ways were the discoveries and innovation of the Scientific Revolution instrumental to the beginning of the Enlightenment?
 - How did the growth of absolutism create greater gaps in wealth?
 - How did the rule of absolute monarchs rely on the church?
 - How do checks and balances restrict corruption in government?

Essay Questions (at least 3 paragraphs)

- What were the pros and cons of absolute monarchy? Provide specific examples.
- Compare and contrast the three main groups vying for control of France during the French Revolution.