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## Palace of Versailles WebQuest

**In this exercise, you are asked to explore the palace at Versailles to learn about the rule of Louis XIV of France and how he used the palace to enhance his rule. You will be asked some factual questions and will also be asked to draw some conclusions based on the information given. The goal is for you to get a feel for what royal life was like for this absolute monarch and how Versailles fit into his desire to control the nobles and display grandeur.**

Use the link listed on the class website.

Click on “The Palace”

1. Why did Louis XIV move the government to Versailles, making it the center of the court and government of France?

Click “Discover the Palace” on the top right.

2. What was the Hall of Mirrors used for? What motivation do you think would a person have to build such a room?

Near the top, scroll over to “The King’s Grand Apartment.”

3. What was the purpose of the Parade Apartment?

4. Read through some of the other salons (there’s 2 pages of them!) Which one was the coolest to you and why?

Next, scroll over to “The Royal Chapel.”

5. Read what happened each day at 10 AM? Why did those events take place? How was it part of Louis’ centralization efforts?



Go back to the “History” main page. Click on “The Courtiers.”

11. Describe the role of a courtier. What role did Etiquette play? Why did they do what they did?

#### OVERALL QUESTIONS

13. How did Louis XIV use the Palace of Versailles to control the nobles? **KEY QUESTION!!!**

14. How did the palace support Louis’s claim, “L’Etat, c’est moi”?

15. How was everything that Versailles was one, big conspicuous display of grandeur?