

Unit 2: Challenge to the Old Regime

Summary

The rise of Western Europe began with two simultaneous events. The first was the introduction of liberalism in Great Britain through the events of the English Civil War and the Glorious Revolution. The second was the Enlightenment. This unit will focus on the first of these two events: the development of liberalism in Great Britain. We will focus on comparing France and Great Britain. France was the most powerful country in Europe at the time and had an absolute monarchy for its government. We will examine the causes that led to Great Britain forming a constitutional monarchy and France developing an absolute monarchy.

Essential Question

1. What was the most important reason why a constitutional monarchy formed in Great Britain and not in France?

Learning Goals

1. Understand the historical developments leading to an absolute monarchy in France and a constitutional monarchy in Great Britain.
2. Be able to explain the main elements of the historical thinking skill: *cause and effect*.
 - a. Categories of causation
 - b. Multiple causation
 - c. Diamond 9

Assessments

1. Summative Assessment: Causation of Glorious Revolution & French Absolutism
2. Quizzes on reading and video assignments.

Files

- Background notes (Louis XIV & Glorious Revolution)
- The Story of John Smith
- Alphonse the Camel