

Absolute Monarchs

From: France

From: Russia

From: Prussia



Louis XIV



Peter the Great



Frederick the Great

What limits were on their power?

No limits – they can do anything they want

Constitutional Monarchs

From: England

What limits were on their power?

They are under the law- only do what law allows

Constitutional Monarchs

From: England

Why can't they tax whenever they want?	➔	Magna Carta
Why were they not above the law?	➔	Rule of Law
Who did they have to listen to for advice?	➔	Parliament/PM
Why did they have to apply their laws equally?	➔	Common Law
What gave the people rights to speech, property, & press?	➔	Common Law
Why couldn't the monarch convict anyone he wanted?	➔	Jury Trial

Reflection:

Which monarchs were more powerful – absolute of Europe or constitutional of England?

Which type of monarch would the enlightened thinkers Voltaire, Rousseau, Locke and Montesquieu most like? Why?

Which would Hobbes like?