**The Rise of Absolutism in Europe**

The Renaissance was actually several \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that occurred at the same time.

**Renaissance**

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**This led to political changes throughout Europe. Before the Renaissance, European kingdoms were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Now with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Revolution trade allowed for kingdoms to expand and unite.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is when the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the state rests in the hands of one individual, usually a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He is in charge of every facet of life.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ decisions )decisions about what happens locally)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ policy (how the country interacts with other nations)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (right and wrong are determined completely at his whim)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he controls how much money is available and how it is spent)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (The ruler determines which religion the country will be and how they will practice that religion.)**

**Kings claim that they rule by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. That God chose them to be in charge.**

***Why would people take the power to rule from the hands of many and put it in the hands of just a few?***

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**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -**

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