Louis XIV, XV and XVI

France Between 1643-1792

Social Studies 9 – McDade

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Answer the following questions based on your text book readings (pages 62-67; page 83)

LOUIS XIV

1. Louis XIV was also known as what name that he gave himself?
2. He has had the longest reign of any European monarch. It started in 1643 and lasted how many years?
3. What was the name of the palace he built Southwest of Paris?
4. How did Louis XIV force to live with him in this palace and why did he make them take daily ballet lessons?
5. How would you describe the word of Louis XIV?
6. How do the portraits of Louis XIV differ on pages 50 and 63?
7. When were the rules of ballet first established?
8. Describe the ballet dance that was done when Louis XIV was in his dance costume.
9. Louis XIV wanted to expand French territory and attempted to do so through war but was largely unsuccessful. What did he deplete through these efforts?
10. Why was there a large decline in population across France during the reign of Louis XIV?
11. List two reason that the economy of France was almost ruined by Louis XIV.
12. Who came into power upon Louis XIV’s death in 1715? How old was he?
13. Did France change with respect to its economy under Louis XV’s rule?

LOUIS XVI

1. When did Louis XVI come to the throne in France?
2. What major event in North America took place just prior to Louis XVI becoming king (see page 248)?
3. What did Louis XVI do to improve the lives of the lower and middle class citizens in France?
4. Describe one legal challenge and one language challenge that made change difficult in French society after Louis XVI came to power?
5. Who were the most frustrated people in France during Louis XVI’s reign?
6. Who did Louis XVI marry in 1770?
7. List 5 reasons Louis XVI’s wife was unpopular.
8. When and how did Louis XVI and his wife die? (page 83)
9. Summarize Henry Essex Edgemont de Firmont’s account of “The Execution of Louis Capet” (page 83)