**Expansion**

Louis XIV built the strongest army in Europe. He spent a lot of money on wars so that he could take over other lands and expand France’s borders. Other European leaders feared Louie’s desire to expand. As a result, other European countries formed **alliances** (joined together) to prevent France from taking over. The **War of Spanish Succession** was a 13 year war in which Louis XIV spent a lot of money on fighting against European nations. Finally, Louis XIV signed an agreement know as the **Treaty of Utrecht** to stop fighting. A lot of money was put into wars. As a result, the people in **France became very poor** and started to hate Louis XIV as a ruler.