**The Sun King**

Louis XIV believed in his divine right to rule (power came from god). The sun was the symbol of his absolute power and he called himself the **“Sun King”**. He said that the sun was the center or the solar system and planets revolved around the sun. He believed that he was like the sun claiming that he stood at the center of the nation and his court revolved around him. The court had to follow everything Louis XIV said to do. Louis XVI is often quoted as saying **“Letat, c’est moi”**, which means **“I am the State”**.