**Versailles**

Louis XIV created a huge palace called **Versailles (ver seye)**. This showed the wealth, power, and glory of France. Louis XIV used **$1.5 million of the government’s money** to build his palace. The Palace acted as the king’s home and also housed nobles, officials and servants. On the palace, the nobility attended his court so that he could control them. Instead of using the nobles in government service, Louis had them wait on him in a round of daily court rituals. In exchange for ending the nobles’ power, Louis **freed them from taxation**.