**Economy**

Louis XIV created a huge palace called Versailles. 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.



The first need of a king who wished to rule as he pleased was money. Louis had little trouble in raising money, for the reason that he did not need to ask for it, as the English kings did. The institution in France which resembled the English Parliament was the Estates General. But this body had never met frequently, and it could scarcely be said to exist anymore, since it had not been assembled (come together to meet) for nearly fifty years. Louis was therefore free to collect taxes and use the money as he saw fit.…

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