



## Guided Reading Activity 7-3

### Response to Crisis: Absolutism

**DIRECTIONS:** Fill in the blanks below as you read Section 3.

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ is a system in which a ruler holds total \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. In seventeenth-century Europe, absolutism was tied to the divine \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The reign of \_\_\_\_\_ in France is the best example of absolutism.
    - 1. Cardinal Richelieu strengthened the \_\_\_\_\_ by limiting rights and spying on the nobles.
    - 2. Louis XIV called himself the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3. Louis XIV had complete authority over \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ emerged as European powers after the Thirty Years' War.
  - A. Prussia was a small territory with no natural \_\_\_\_\_ for defense.
    - 1. Frederick William built a large and efficient \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2. In 1701 Frederick William's son \_\_\_\_\_ officially became king.
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ had long served as emperors in the Holy Roman Empire.
    - 1. In the seventeenth century, they had lost the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire.
    - 2. After the defeat of the Turks in 1683, Austria took control of all of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. Ivan IV became the first Russian ruler to take the title of \_\_\_\_\_, or caesar.
  - A. The most prominent member of the \_\_\_\_\_ dynasty was Peter the Great.
  - B. Peter was especially eager to borrow European \_\_\_\_\_ to modernize the army and navy.
  - C. A hard-fought war with \_\_\_\_\_ enabled the building of St. Petersburg.

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