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Governments & Politics

1643 – 1715 – Louis XIV “Sun King”
ABSOLUTISM

1650’s – Oliver Cromwell
“protectorate”
England

1688/89 – Glorious Revolution
England
Constitutional Monarchy

1689 – 1725
Peter the Great reforms Russia

1740 – 48
War of Austrian Succession

1772 – 95
Partitions of Poland

1775 – 83
American Revolution

1740 – 90
“Enlightened Despots”

1789 – 99
– French Rev.

1800 – 15
Napoleonic Era

1815
Congress of Vienna

1815 – 40s
Concert of Europe
– “Balance of Power”

1830 -
Revolutions

Nationalism, liberalism,
socialism, conservatism

1848
Revolutions

1853-56
Crimean War

1848 - 70
Napoleon III

1858 – 71
Italian &
German Unifications

1862 – 90
Bismarck Era

1870s –
1914
“Alliances”

Context: Urbanization, Scientific Revolution, Military Revolution, Political Ideologies – “isms”

1550

1575

1600

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Scientific Revolution 1543 – 1700s

1543 Copernicus publishes heliocentric model

1633 – Descartes' Discourse, deductive method

1610 Galileo's Starry Messenger

1633 Galileo - Inquisition

Overtaken traditional ideas: Galen's humoral theory, Ptolemy's geocentric - alchemy, witchcraft hung on

1600 – 1630 Sir Francis Bacon – scientific method, empiricism, inductive reasoning

1627 – William Harvey publishes blood circulatory theory

1687 – Isaac Newton's Principia Mathematica – laws of motion, universal gravitation

Context: Age of Exploration, Nation states, Renaissance, Reformation

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1800

Age of Enlightenment

1650 Hobbes
Leviathan – Social contract - absolutism

1690 – John Locke's 2nd Treatise of Gov. – social contract, anti-absolutist consent of the governed, protection of natural rights

1748 – Montesquieu's separation of power (3 branches)

1750 – Voltaire: religious toleration

1789 U.S. Constitution & Bill of Rights

1789: French Revolution

1762 – Rousseau's – social contract - "general will,"

Skepticism, secularism, deism, republicanism, natural rights

Context: End of Reformation, Scientific & Industrial Revolution, Glorious Revolution, Absolutism vs. Constitutional Monarchy