AP Modern European History Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Trial of Louis XIV**

**Louis XIV stands accused of crimes against humanity and crimes against the state. His trial will decide his guilt or innocence.**

**Procedure:**

1. Determine your role in the trial. Remember that the trial is not bound by the laws of time.
2. Take the next two days to prepare for the trial. We will meet in the library for two days so you can complete your research and plan your strategy.
3. Lawyers:
   1. Choose your witnesses
   2. Take a day to do preliminary research on each/decide how they will help or hurt you
   3. Work with the witnesses to generate questions
   4. Develop questions for cross examinations
   5. Prepare a two-three minute opening statement
   6. You will have twenty minutes TOTAL to present your case
   7. You will have ten minutes TOTAL for cross examination
4. Witnesses:
   1. Research your person and make a list of specific evidence on how you can help/hurt the case against Louis XIV
   2. Work with the lawyers to determine specific questions for your character during the trial
   3. Anticipate possible areas of weakness for cross
5. Judge:
   1. Work with the lawyers to assign witnesses
   2. Determine the order of proceedings
   3. Run the trial and maintain order (Keep time, rule on objections, etc.)
6. Prepare your trial statement: Due \_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. Trial statement is an assessment of the trial verdict. From the perspective of a historian, was the appropriate verdict reached? Use specific pieces of evidence to support your assertions. One page, double spaced.

**Judge:**

**Prosecution Team:**

**Defense Team:**

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| King Louis XIV:  Cardinal Richeliu:  Hugenot Representative:  Charles II of Spain:  Hapsburg Representative:  Cardinal Jules Mazarin:  Queen Elizabeth of England:  Catherine the Great of Russia:  Henry IV | James I of England:  John Locke:  Thomas Hobbes:  Jean Baptiste Colbert:  Jacques Bousset:  La Grande Mademoiselle: Anne Marie Louis  Representative of the Common People  Representative of the Nobility  Representative of the Military (Francois le Tellier) |

**Rubric**

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| **Evaluation Criteria** | **Point Value** | **Points Earned** |
| Costume for Character | 10 |  |
| Character Research | 20 |  |
| Enthusiastic participation in the trial   * Research and preparation are evident in student responses. * The student demonstrates an understanding of their role and their attitudes toward absolutism. * The student makes proper inferences in answering/responding to questions. * The student is enthusiastic and demonstrates appropriate effort! | 40 |  |
| Trial Statement/Reflection:  **As a student of history, was the proper verdict reached in the trial? Why or why not?**   * Thesis statement answering the question * Use of specific historical detail * Analysis of the trial * One page double spaced MINIMUM | 30 |  |