

**French Monarchy** – Dynastic change from Valois to Bourbon

16<sup>th</sup> Century – French Wars of Religion 1562-1589

sons of Henry II and Catherine de Medici

become the last of the Valois Kings of France

1589 – Wars of Religion end with victory of

**Henry IV, Bourbon** Prince of Navarre 1589-1610 (assassinated)

start of the Bourbon dynasty (through French Revolution)

married to Marie de Medici, who becomes Regent for son

**Louis XIII** (1610-1643) Richelieu as Chief Minister

**Louis XIV** (1643-1715) Mazarin as Chief Minister (died 1661)

then personal rule of the King

Louis XIII  
in 1611

After his  
father's  
death in  
1610



Cardinal Richelieu  
1637

Chief minister to  
Louis XIII

Armand Jean du  
Plessis

Portrait by Phillipe  
de Champaigne



Richelieu

1640

Triptych





**Bust of Cardinal Richelieu**

**by Italian sculptor**

**Gian Lorenzo Bernini,**

**1641**



Louis XIII

1610-1643

Phillipe de  
Champagne



## The Fronde (1648 -1653)



## **The Fronde**

Fronde (slingshot) was the name given to that faction; I will give you the etymology of it.... Someone once said, in jest, that the Parlement of Paris acted like the schoolboys, who fling stones, and run away when they see the constable, but meet again as soon as he turns his back. This was thought a very apt comparison. It came to be a subject for ballads, and, upon the peace between the King and Parlement, it was revived and applied to those who still did not agree with the Court .... We therefore resolved that night to wear hatbands made in the form of a sling, and had a great number of them made ready to be distributed....

It is inexpressible what influence this trifle had upon the people; their bread, hats, gloves, handkerchiefs, fans, ornaments were 'à la mode de la Fronde', and we ourselves were more in the fashion by this trifle than in reality. And the truth is we had need of all our efforts to support us against the whole royal family (...).

*from the Memoirs of Jean François Paule de Condi, Cardinal de Retz  
(Volume 2)*





AVIS QUE DONNE UN FRONDEUR AUX PARISIENS  
QU'IL EXORTE DE SE RÉVOLTER CONTRE LA  
TYRANNIE DU CARDINAL MAZARIN .

“Notice given by a Frondeur exhorting the Parisians to revolt against the tyranny of Cardinal Mazarin.”

Louis XIV

crushes  
the  
Fronde

1654

Statue by  
Guérin



Louis as Apollo  
in court masque

1653







1658  
Young  
Louis  
In  
military  
action  
in NE







Portrait of a young Louis XIV, 1661 Charles Le Brun

**Nicolas Fouquet**, Finance Minister

Building of Chateau Vaux Le Comte 1658-1661  
south of Paris

Architect: Louis Le Vau

Landscape architect: André le Nôtre

Painter-decorator: Charles Le Brun

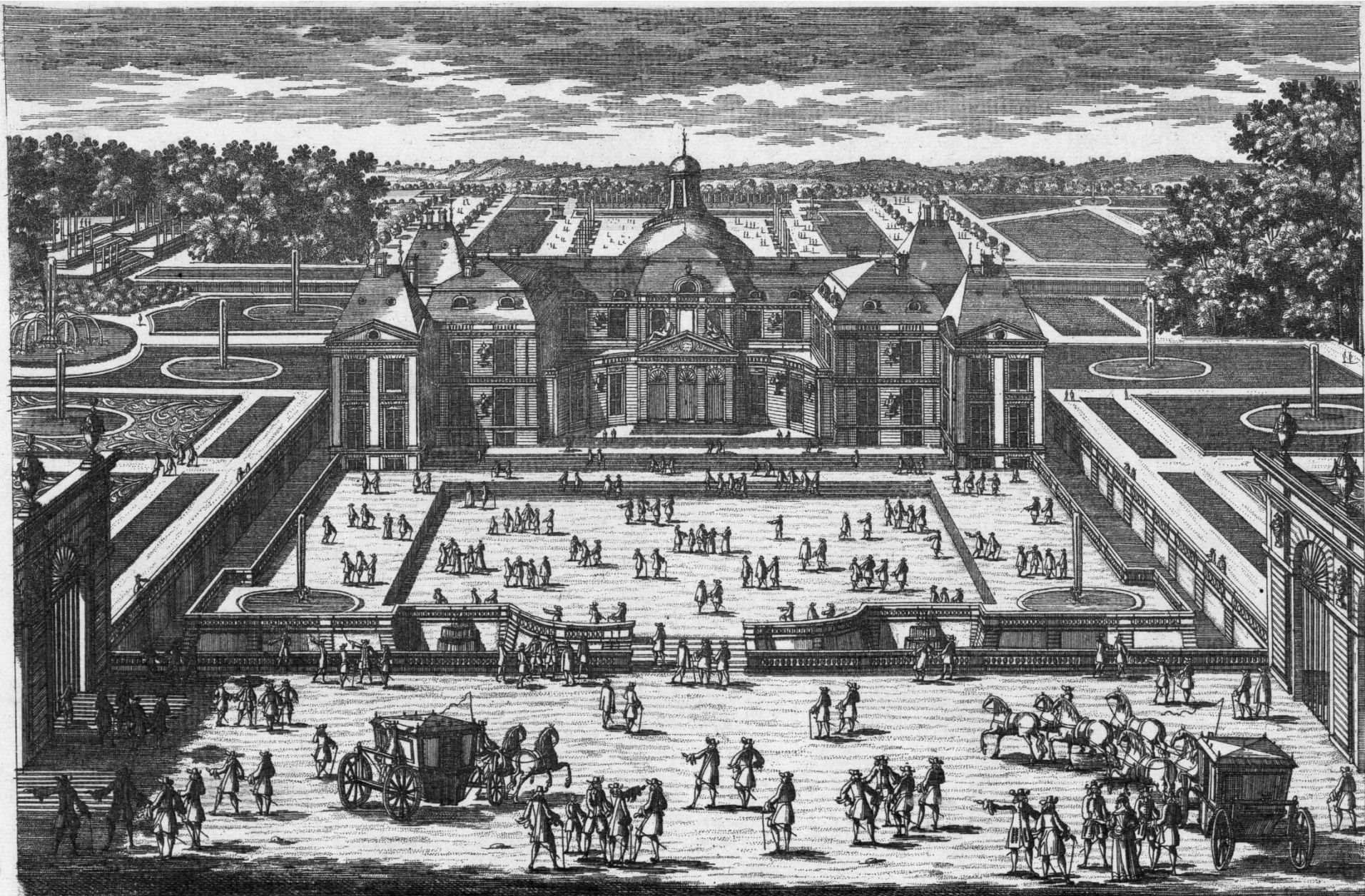
All used by Louis XIV for building Versailles



Chateau Vaux Le Comte built 1658-1661 by  
Fouquet, finance minister to Louis XIV







au coin des Mathurins

Vue et perspective du Chateau de Vaux le Vicomte du costé de l'entrée

Chez Nicol<sup>as</sup> Poilly rue St Jacques a l'etiquette Image avec privil<sup>ège</sup> du Roy

# Nicolas Fouquet

Finance Minister

1653-1661

titles include

Marquis & Viscount  
(noblesse de robe)

famous example of an  
“over mighty subject”

arrested after lavish feast at  
Vaux Le Comte in 1661

died in prison 1680

later source for story by  
Alexander Dumas

<The Man in the Iron Mask>



N. FOUQUET.

de la Vallée



Jean Baptist  
Colbert

replaces  
Fouquet as  
Finance  
minister  
from

1661-1683



Colbert, (Jean Baptiste) *Ministre et Secrétaire d'Etat.*





Construction of Château de Versailles from 1661 - 1715  
painting by Adam Frans van der Meulen 1669





The Arrival of the King in Versailles, 1668 panoramic view Pierre Patel





















Versailles Hall of Mirrors





Louis XIV at the Taking of Besançon 1674

Adam Frans van der Meulen

Louis XIV

1670's





Louis XIV

in dress armor

Hyacinthe Rigaud

1701





Portrait of Louis XIV in coronation robes, 1701 Hyacinthe Rigaud





Apotheosis of  
Louis XIV

Charles Le Brun

1677



Marie Terese with the Dauphin

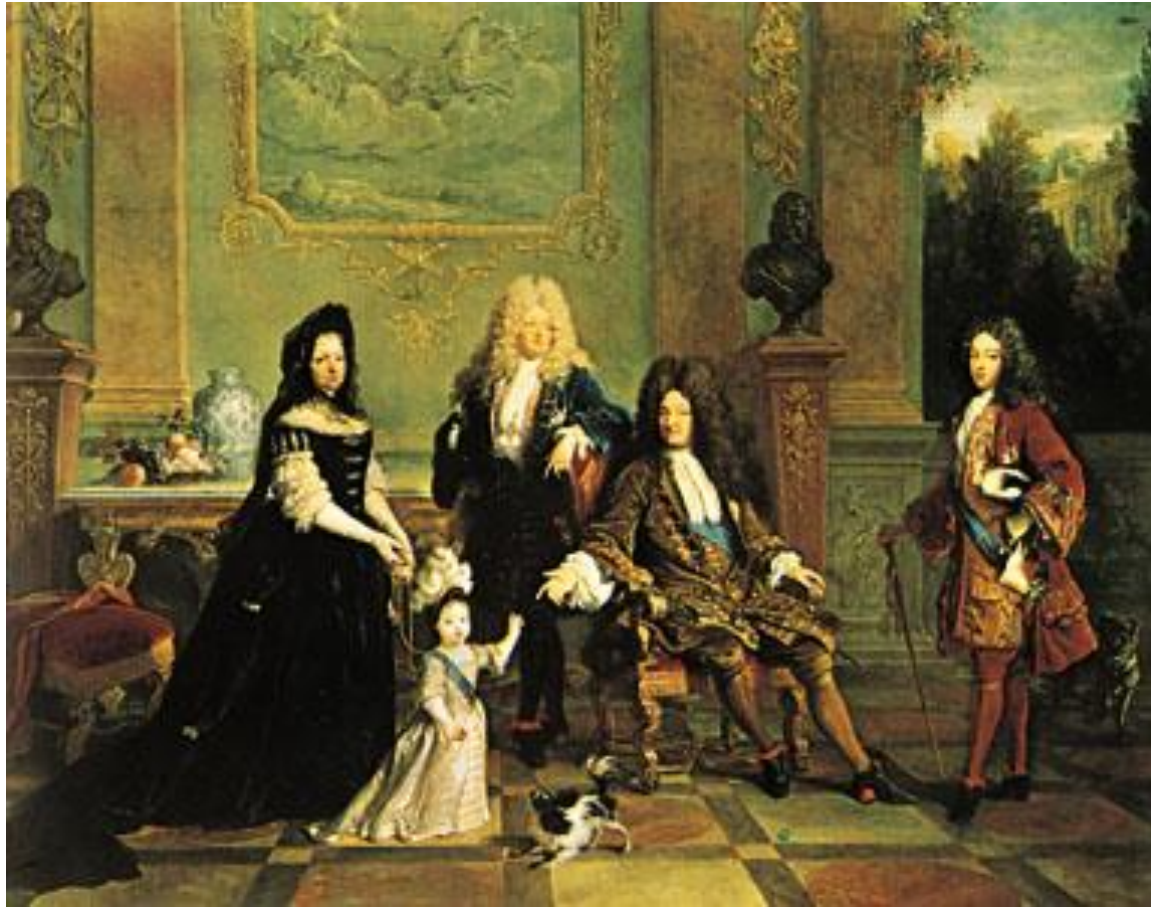




The Family of Louis XIV in mythological attire

Jean Nocret, 1670





Louis XIV with the Dauphin (heir) and his grandchildren

Louis medallion 1672  
with his personal motto

Nec pluribus impar

(Not unequal to many)



Portrait of  
Jean-Baptiste Colbert

the “vile bourgeois”  
finance minister to  
Louis XIV  
1666

Painting by  
Claude LEFEBVRE







Colbert Presenting Members of the Royal Academy of Sciences to Louis XIV  
Henri Testelin 1667



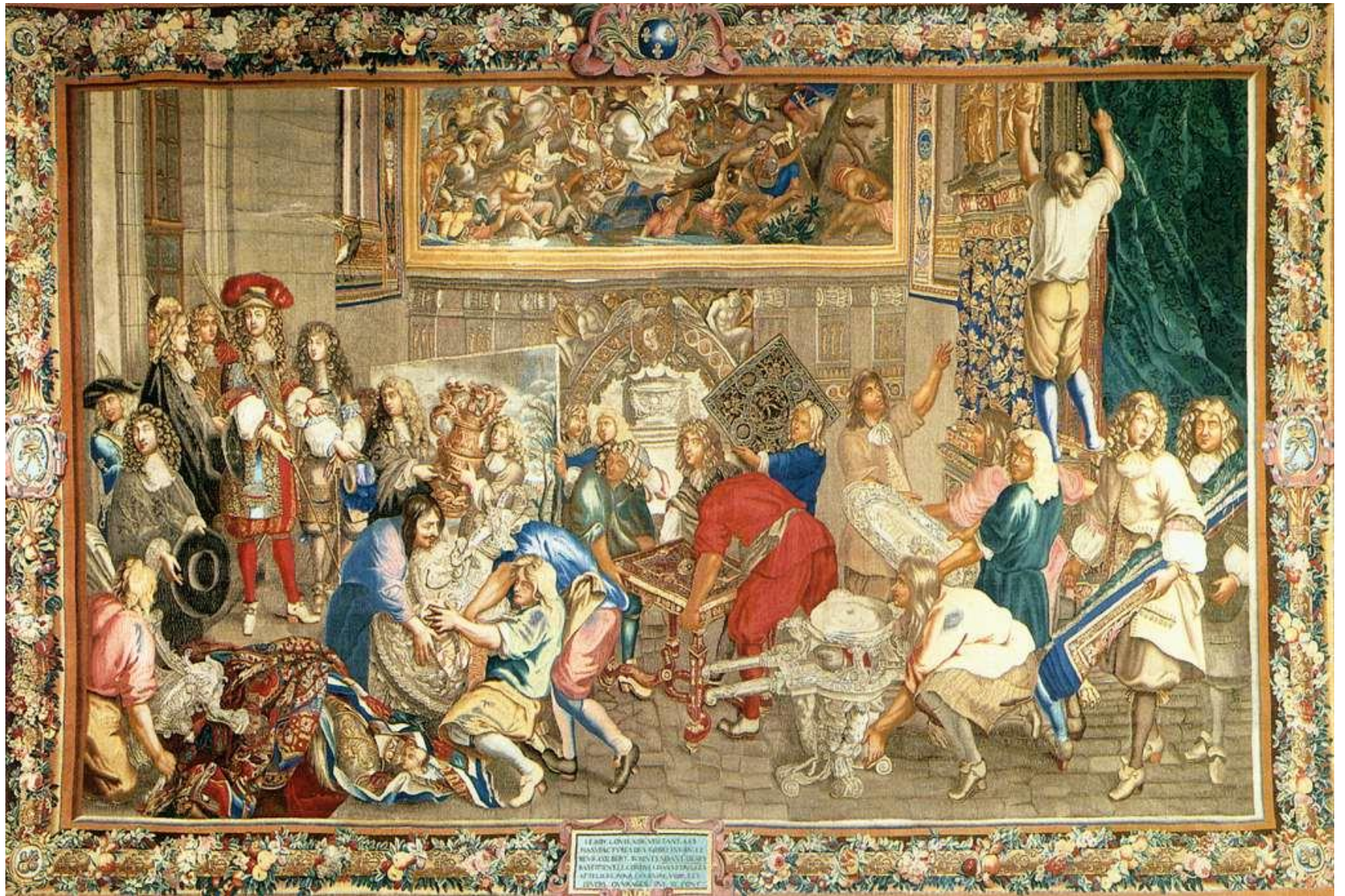
Detail of Colbert Royal Academy of Sciences presented to Louis XIV



# Gobelin Tapestry Factory in Paris founded by Colbert 17<sup>th</sup> C







Louis XIV Visiting the Gobelins Factory 1673  
Charles Le Brun (decorator for Versailles)



Louis XIV  
as  
Conqueror  
of Heresy

1686

engraving  
by Elias  
Hainzelmann



Looking on this face where  
Mars has painted himself,

France, bless the author of  
your supreme glory.

For that sad heresy now  
pales with fright.

Here is the hero who deals  
with them by force,

Who does for your  
happiness everything one  
could hope for

From a Father, a Christian,  
a Conqueror and a King



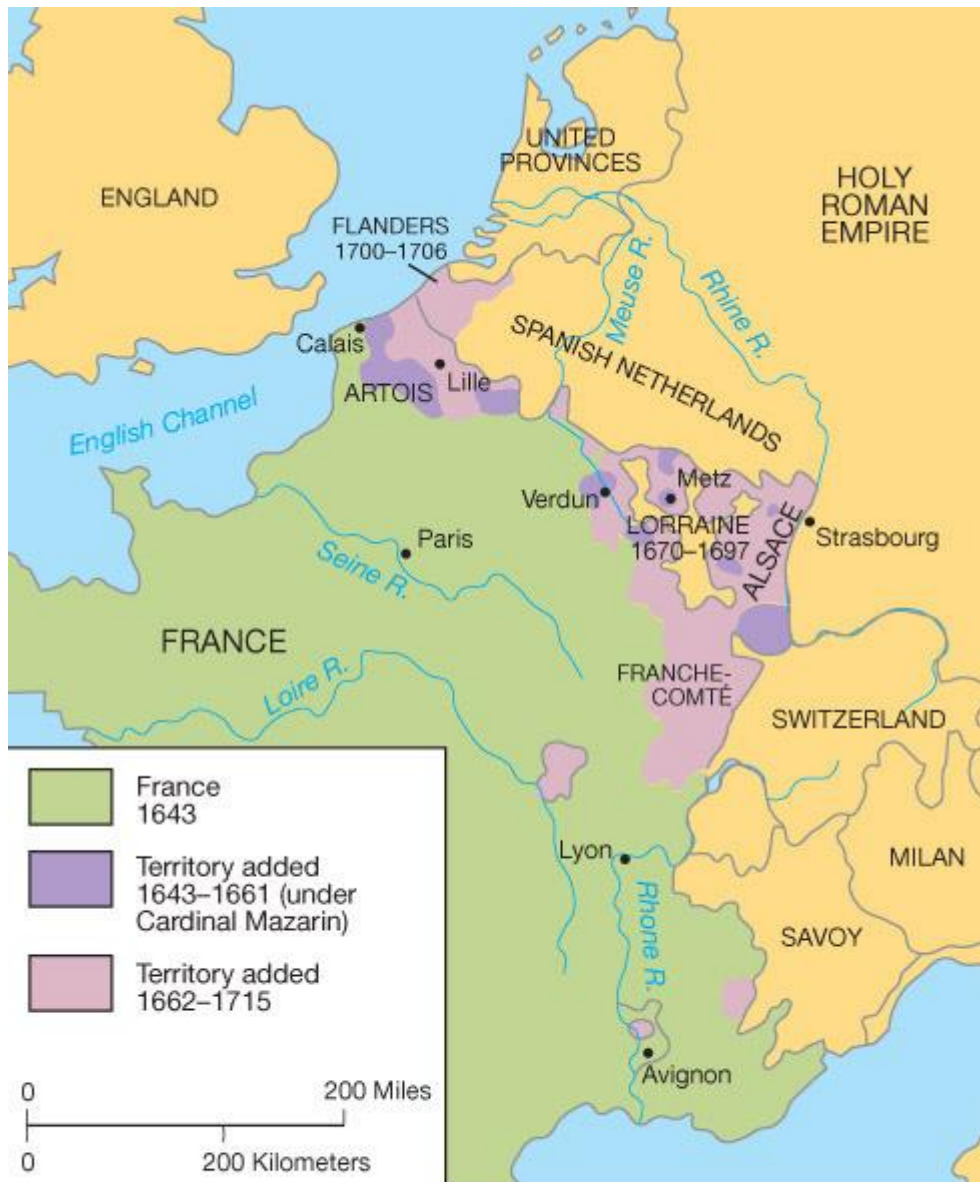
Equestrian portrait of Louis XIV, Charles Le Brun 1680's



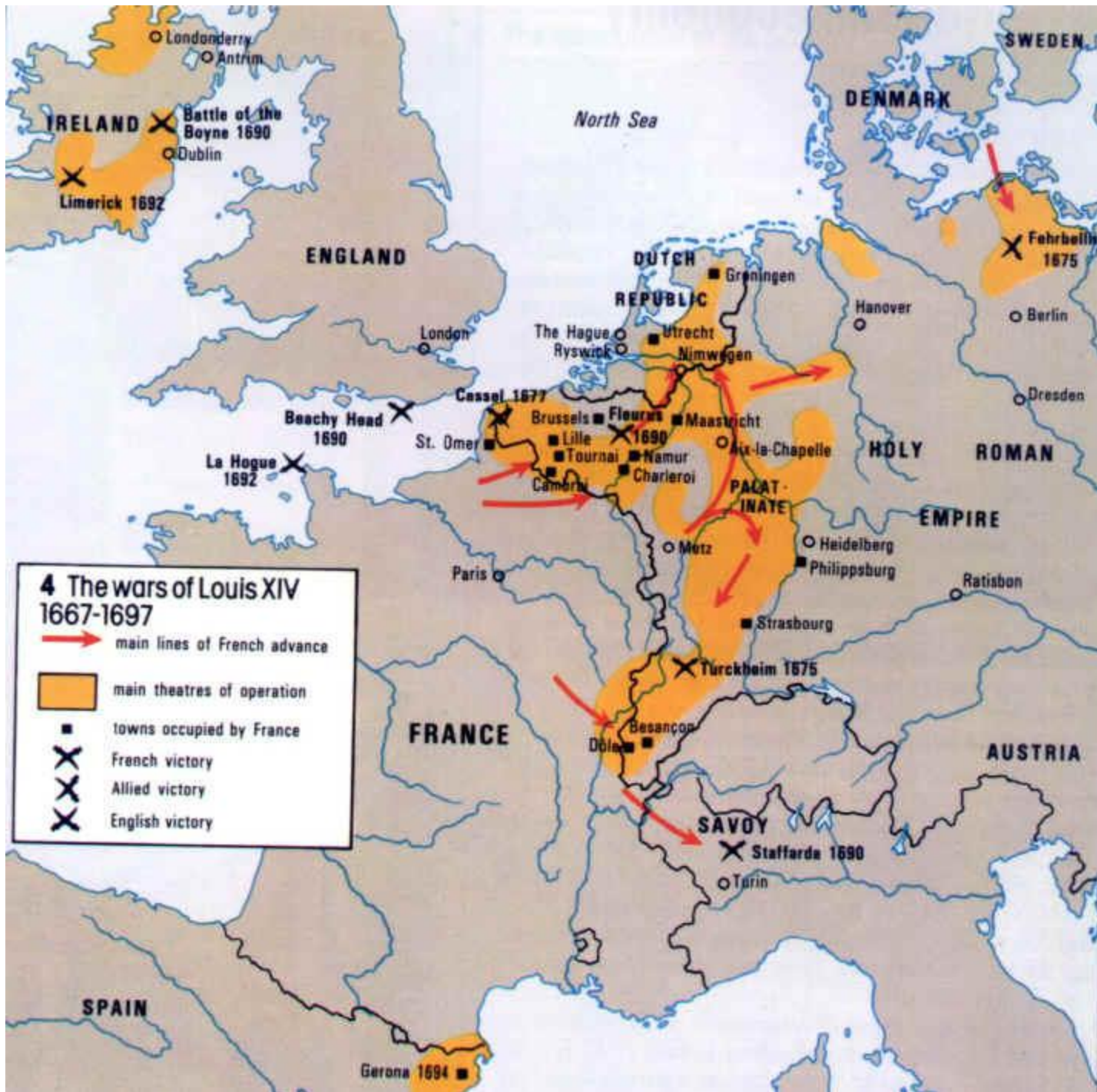


**FRANCE:**  
*territory from 1552 to 1798  
 from Henri II to the Revolution*

Henry II	1552	Metz, Verdun, Toul
Henry IV	1601	Bresse, Buges
	1659	Roussillon
	1659	Artois
	1662	Dunkirk
	1668	Lille
Louis XIV	1675	Alsace
	1678	Franche-Comté
	1681	Strasbourg
	1713	Brabant
Louis XV	1766	Lorraine
	1768	Corsica
Revolution	1791	Comtat Venaissin
	1793	Mulhouse



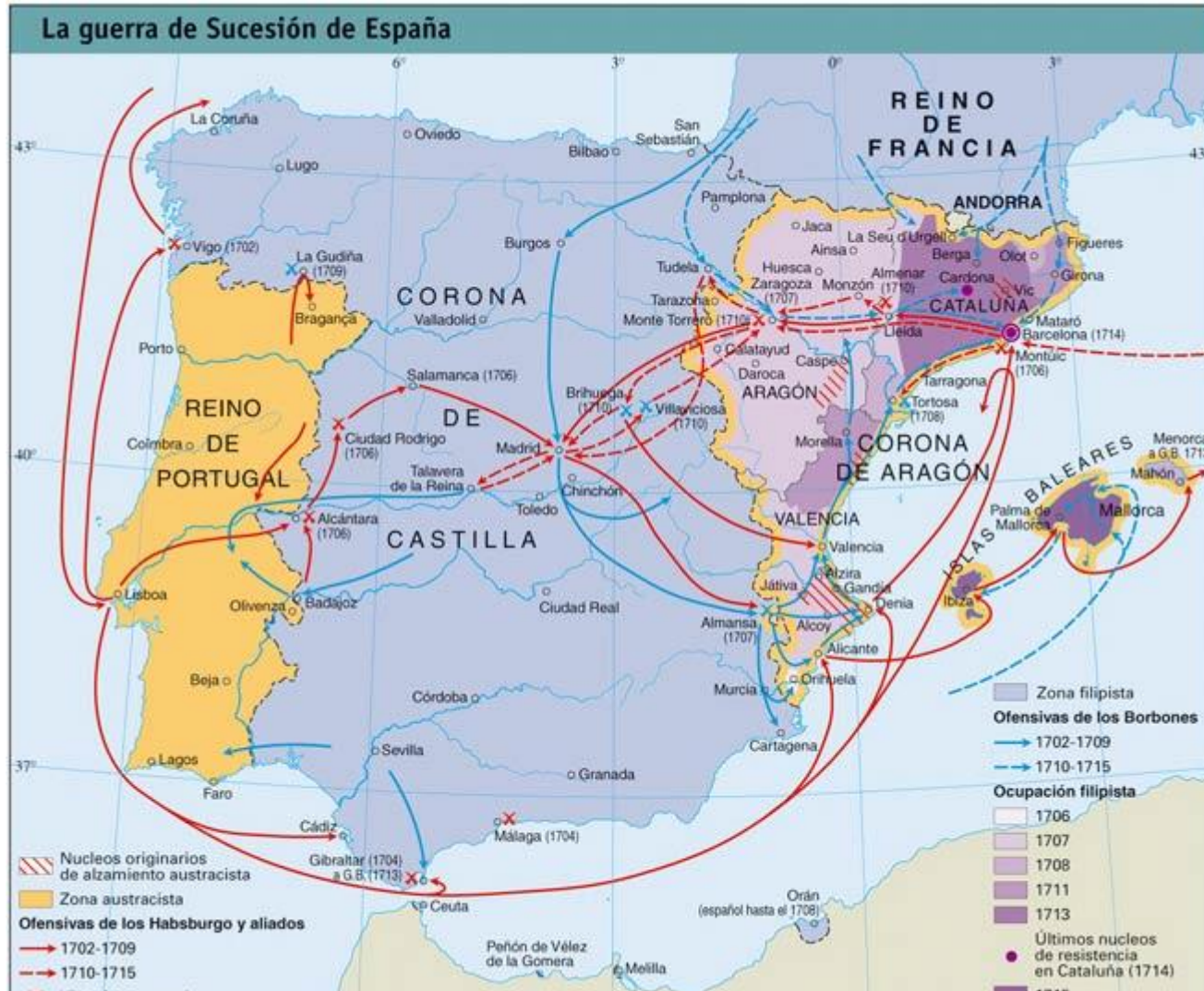
 *France Under Louis XIV*





# War of the Spanish Succession 1701-1714

after death of the last Spanish Hapsburg Carlos II without an heir  
Austria, England & Dutch Republic fight against the French  
Bourbon dynasty which takes throne of Spain



Louis XIV  
as Roman  
Emperor

