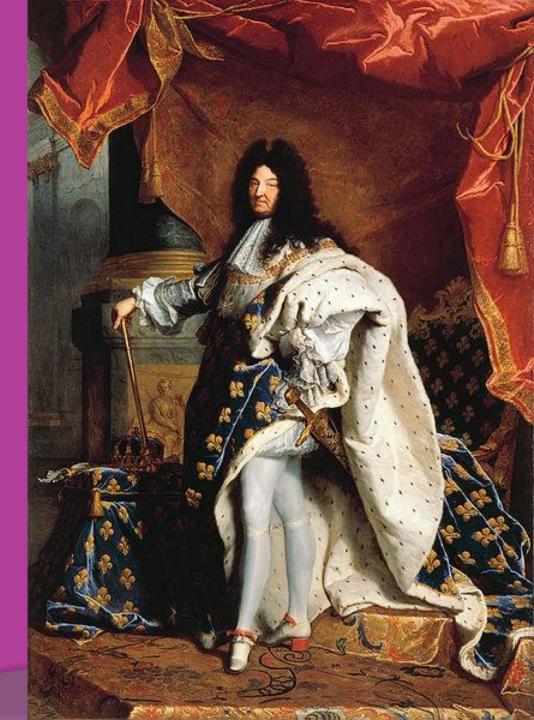
Louis XIV (1638 - 1715)King of France, absolute monarch Came to throne in 1643 at age of 5. ● Ruled 72 years, 3 months, 18 days Named himself the "Sun King" L'Etat C'est Moi Commissioned 300
portraits of himself



## The Splendors of Versailles

- 2,000 acres of grounds
- 12 miles of roads
- 27 miles of trellises
- 200,000 trees
- 210,000 flowers planted every year
- 80 miles of rows of trees

- 55 acres: surface area of the Grand Canal
- 3.3 miles: perimeter of the Grand Canal
- 12 miles of enclosing walls
- 50 fountains
- 620 fountain nozzles
- 21 miles of water conduits





 3,600 cubic meters per hour: water consumed during Full Play of Fountains

26 acres of roof

51,210 square meters of floors

2,153 windows

700 rooms

67 staircases

6,000 paintings

 1,500 drawings and 15,000 engravings

2,100 sculptures

 5,000 items of furniture and objets d'art

150 varieties of apple and peach trees in the Vegetable Garden



## Facts About Versailles

 In the early days of Versailles, fountain guards were ordered to whistle when Louis XIV approached, so that the fountains could be fully turned on.





















A hat and a sword could be hired at the front gate in order to be properly attired to visit the Grand Apartment. Monks were not allowed in.

## Thefts were frequent at Versailles, despite the guards and staff. Once during the king's levee the royal doctor had his watch stolen.

A secret passage ran from the queen's private cabinets to those of the king. It enabled Marie-Antoinette to escape revolutionary rioters in October 1789.