France

Cardinal Richelieu is advisor for French king Louis XIII.

Cardinal Richelieu wants to make France powerful and French monarch absolute

Wants to weaken the Hapsburg, rulers of HRE. France enters 30 Years War on side of Protestants.

Louis XIV wants to centralize all power in himself. L'etat c'est moi = I am the state.

1. Builds Versailles.

2. Gets rid of Edict of Nantes.

3. Controls Estate system. (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Prussia

30 Years War is a very deadly war in Holy Roman Empire.

At end of war, princes of German city-states become independent of Hapsburgs family.

30 Years War makes Prussians want strong military for protection.

Frederick the Great becomes ruler of Prussia. He wants to centralize all power in himself.

Frederick keeps building up military to make Prussia stronger.

Russia

Russia is not like Western Europe.
1. Orthodox Church
2. Language not from Latin
3. Styles different

Peter the Great wants to westernize Russia. Takes trip around W'ern Europe.

Peter the Great wants to centralize all power in himself. Ex. Takes over the church