absolute monarchy defined

I. France in the C16th
long term problems:
powerful nobility
2. weak economy
   1. creation of office of intendant
   3. long minorities, weak regencies
      (absence of representative assemblies)
      ex: Jacques du Blé and the chateau of Cormatin
      favorite ministers (Anne of Austria and Cardinal Mazarin)

II. Louis XIV (d. 1715)
A. 1648 Fronde
   (Parlement of Paris: demands)
   Louis in 1661: l’état c’est moi.
B. Louis the courtier
   Versailles
C. Louis the administrator: policies
   1. law
   2. economy: mercantilism – Colbert
   3. religious uniformity
   4. war

limits of absolute monarchy