Characteristics of an Absolute Monarch

**Political:**
- Ruler holds unlimited power.
- Individuals owe their loyalty to the crown.

**Economic:**
- Ruler encourages industry and trade to increase income.
- Controls taxes.

**Social:**
- Ruler dominates the upper classes.
- Show off their power.

**Cultural:**
- Ruler dominates cultural life either as patron of arts or by censorship.

**Religion:**
- Ruler reigns under the belief of divine right.
- Ruler dominates/controls the country's religion.