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1 | The French Revolution

1.1 | Before we start: Monarchies in Europe

“Old Europe” monarchies were mostly absolute before the 18th century. Crown passed to the eldest son or daughter. England’s Glorious Revolution paved the way for new monarchies to develop.

- **Glorious revolution** => 1688
 - Struggle between parliament vs. stuart kings result in constitutional monarchy in England
 - Powers of European monarchs increased after centralization of power
 - Created unified modern states

“Old France”