**Absolutism Essay Summary & Checklist**

**Prompt**:

After reading the two sources that you selected from the assigned list, write an essay that **explains why the system of Absolutism developed** and **how rulers were able to retain power**. What conclusion or implications can you draw? Cite at least **two sources**, pointing out key elements from each source. A bibliography is not required.

**List of sources (articles) Choose two:**

* James I
* James II
* Oliver Cromwell
* Charles II
* Louis XIV
* Ivan IV
* Peter the Great

Your essay **must** include the following:

* Information & citation from at least **two (2)** Absolute Monarch articles
  + Cite your articles like this:
    - Ivan the Terrible was a harsh ruler who was known for his seemingly insane actions, such as the torture of birds and household animals (Ivan article).
    - Citation always goes at the very end of the sentence **before** the period.
* **Four** paragraphs
  1. Introduction
     + Thesis (addresses the prompt)
  2. Body Paragraph 1
  3. Body Paragraph 2
  4. Conclusion

**Due:** **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 (**100 points)