

Tabelle1

<i>Battle of Belnheim (Blindheim dt.)</i>	In 1704, Blenheim, in present-day Germany, witnessed a decisive victory of the allies	Schlacht bei Höchstädt
<i>Battle of Ramillies</i>	In 1706, Ramillies, in present-day Belgium, witnessed another glorious victory of the allies.	
<i>chief minister</i>	appointed by the king; the political leader of a state	
<i>Constable of France</i>	outranked all the nobles since the Constable of France is only second in command to the king; as First Officer of the Crown, he was originally one of the five Great Officers of the Crown (seneschal, chamberlain, butler and chancellor) and Commander in Chief of the Army.	
<i>former Spanish colonies</i>	Gibraltar, Minorca, Newfoundland, Acadia and the Hudson's-Bay-Company territories.	
<i>fronde</i>	The word means "sling"; slings were used by Parisians to smash the windows of Mazarin's supporters.	Steinschleuder
<i>huguenots</i>	This is the name of the French Calvinist Protestants.	Hugenotten
<i>intendant(s)</i>		Intendanten
<i>parlements</i>	Originally there was only one so-called parlement in Paris (not to be confused with a modern, democratic parliament). This was the supreme court of the kingdom. In the course of time, additional parliaments were created in the various provinces. Basically, these "parliaments" had the power to make the king's edicts laws by simply registering them. Thus, these "parliaments" were a powerful tool to control the king.  These parliaments consisted of only members of the aristocracy.	
<i>War in the Netherlands, 1672-1678</i>	The question over the Spanish Netherlands had antagonised Holland and France; in 1672, a war broke out, and France almost succeeded in conquering Holland itself.	
<i>War of Devolution, 1667-1668</i>	Louis fought this war against Spain in order to conquer the Spanish Netherlands, however, in 1668 he signed the Treaties of Aix-la-Chapelle which forced him to surrender most of the territories he had won; he managed to keep the most important towns near the French border and was given the promise that once Charles II –the King of Spain – died, France would automatically get control of the Spanish Netherlands.	