

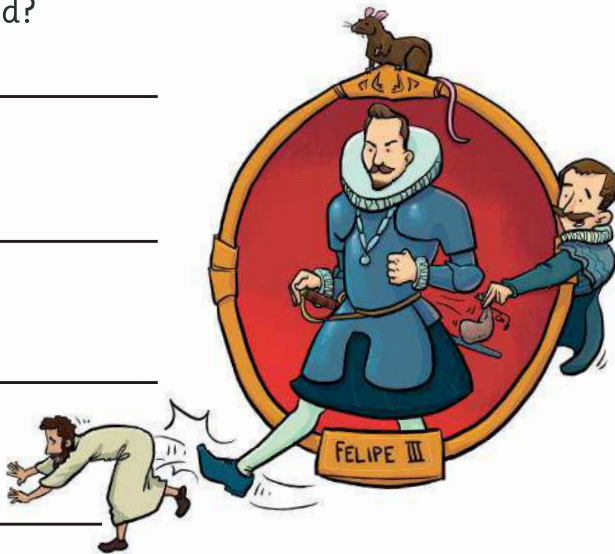
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THE FALL OF AN EMPIRE



1 Answer the questions about Felipe III’s reign.  
Write complete sentences.

- a What happened in the 1590s when the rains failed?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b Was Spain rich during this period?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c Who were expelled from Spain?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d Which war started in 1618?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e Who was the Duque de Lerma?  
\_\_\_\_\_

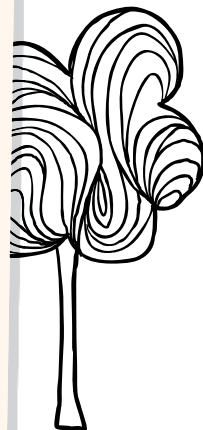
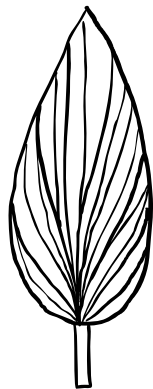


2 Complete the timeline.

Carlos II dies    Spanish Habsburg dynasty comes to an end  
Carlos II becomes king at the age of three    Felipe IV becomes king at the age of 16

1621	1665	1700
_____	_____	_____
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3 Read the text about Felipe IV. Are the sentences *true* or *false*?

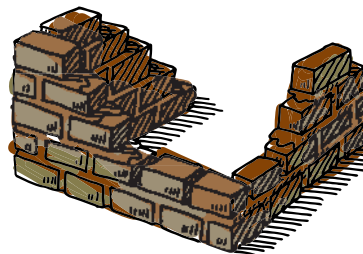


Felipe IV liked to go walking in what is now the Parque del Retiro in Madrid. In 1630, as a special present for the king, Felipe’s valido, the Conde-Duque de Olivares, decided to build the Palacio del Buen Retiro.

It took seven years to build. It had more than twenty buildings and two large courtyards. The palace was surrounded by gardens and small lakes.


When the Real Alcázar de Madrid was destroyed by a fire in in 1734, the court moved to the Palacio del Buen Retiro until the construction of the new Palacio Real was completed, in 1763. The Parque del Retiro today marks the grounds of the palace, but the only original building which can still be seen is the Salón de Baile, now known as the Casón del Buen Retiro.

- a The Palacio del Buen Retiro was started in 1620. \_\_\_\_\_
- b The Palacio del Buen Retiro was finished in 1637. \_\_\_\_\_
- c It had twenty buildings and four courtyards. \_\_\_\_\_
- d The Real Alcázar de Madrid burnt down in 1734. \_\_\_\_\_
- e The Palacio Real was reconstructed in 1763. \_\_\_\_\_
- f The Palacio del Buen Retiro is the same today as it was in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. \_\_\_\_\_




4 Look at the maps of Europe before and after the Treaty of Utrecht. What happened to Spain and Austria? Write sentences.

Before Treaty of Utrecht



After Treaty of Utrecht



Spain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Austria: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

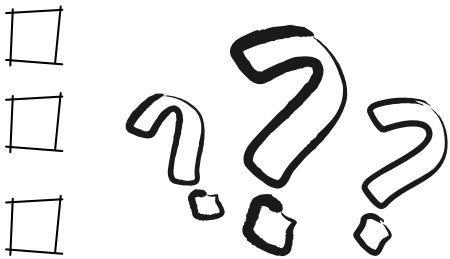
5 Read the text about the War of the Spanish Succession and answer the questions.

Spain and France lost the War of the Spanish Succession in Europe. Despite becoming King of Spain, Felipe V saw Spain’s global influence diminish. Spain lost land in Europe to Austria and Savoy. Britain came out of the negotiations successfully. They acquired Gibraltar and Menorca from Spain and gained important territory in North America.

- a Who came out of the Treaty of Utrecht with most land? \_\_\_\_\_
- b Who came out of the Treaty of Utrecht with less land? \_\_\_\_\_
- c Why do you think Britain’s gains in North America were so important? \_\_\_\_\_

6 The period from the end of the 1500s to the end of the 1600s is called **The Spanish Golden Age**. Why? Tick the correct sentence.

- a It was a time when Spain discovered a lot of gold.
- b It was a time when writers and artists in Spain produced a lot of famous work.
- c It was a time when Spain conquered a lot of land.



7 Read the descriptions about Spanish painters and writers. Write the names.

- a This artist was born in Greece and moved to Toledo in the 1570s. He painted religious paintings for churches and monasteries. He is also famous for his portraits. One of his famous paintings is called *El Entierro del Conde de Orgaz*. \_\_\_\_\_
- b This artist was born at the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century in Sevilla. He was the court painter to Felipe IV and painted lots of pictures of the royal family. He is famous for *Las Meninas*. \_\_\_\_\_
- c This writer was born in Alcalá de Henares in 1547. He is the most famous Spanish writer. He was held prisoner for five years by pirates. His most famous work is *Don Quijote de La Mancha*. \_\_\_\_\_

8 Match the painters from Activity 7 to their works of art.



a \_\_\_\_\_

b \_\_\_\_\_



9 Read the sentences about Felipe V and Fernando VI. Complete the table.

established absolute monarchy  
signed lots of treaties with other countries  
expelled gypsies from Spain  
abdicated the crown but had to return Bourbon monarch

Felipe V	Fernando VI

10 What did Carlos III introduce to Madrid? Write the words under the photos then find them in the wordsearch.



p\_\_\_\_\_



g\_\_\_\_\_



o\_\_\_\_\_



m\_\_\_\_\_



f\_\_\_\_\_

h	o	b	s	e	r	v	a	t	o	r	y
j	d	o	h	d	b	y	c	c	m	r	h
s	s	g	u	x	j	c	n	a	u	q	a
r	m	v	a	n	d	f	b	h	s	n	m
s	l	g	h	r	t	f	k	g	e	s	y
i	k	o	f	n	d	a	n	i	u	h	g
t	p	a	l	a	c	e	i	f	m	j	s
a	o	s	k	s	v	r	n	n	s	r	t
f	o	u	n	t	a	i	n	s	s	m	b

11 Complete the sentences with the name of the correct monarch.

- a The Duque de Lerma was the chief advisor or *valido* to \_\_\_\_\_.
- b The Conde-Duque de Olivares was the chief advisor or *valido* to \_\_\_\_\_.
- c Francisco de Goya was appointed royal painter by \_\_\_\_\_.
- d Diego Velázquez was court painter to \_\_\_\_\_.
- e \_\_\_\_\_ didn't have any children to inherit the throne.

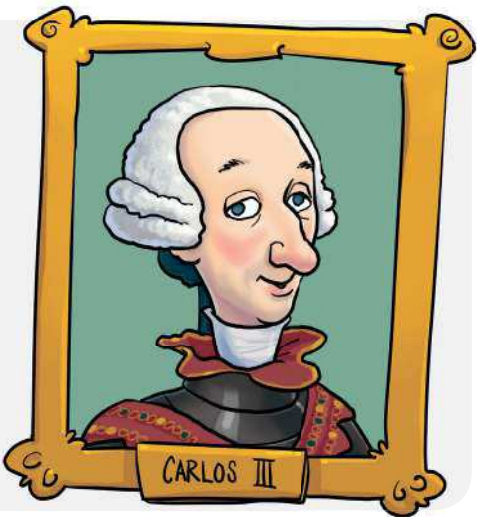
12 Put the following events in chronological order. Then match them to the dates.

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|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The War of the Spanish Succession ends | 1618 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos III becomes king                | 1713 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Thirty Years War started           | 1749 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsies are expelled from Spain        | 1759 |

13 Read the interview and choose the correct answer.

AS THE NEW KING, CARLOS III, WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE AS RULER OF SPAIN?

I want to be a great king. I am particularly interested in arts, science and education and want everyone in this great country to enjoy these areas as much as I do! I plan to build museums, great monuments and places where people can experience and enjoy science and the arts. I also want to clean up the city by building a sewage system, so we all smell a little nicer!



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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 What is Carlos III interested in? | 2 What does he want to do to Madrid? |
| a Learning                          | a Leave it as it is                  |
| b Going out and having a good time  | b Improve it with places of interest |
| c Sleeping and relaxing             | c Wash it                            |