

### **Dressed and Served Breakfast**

■ The Officers of the Chamber and the Wardrobe then enter in turn for full levee, during which the king is dressed and has a breakfast of broth.



# Sees Officials of the Kingdom

■ The most important officials of the kingdom are admitted; it is estimated that the usual number of people attending numbered one hundred, all male.





### Goes to Mass

■ 10 am: On leaving the king's apartment, a procession forms in the Hall of Mirrors. The king leads the procession of courtiers through the Grand Apartment. The public can now see the king and even petition him with a written request.





# Listens to Choir

In the Chapel Royal, the king occupies the tribune. Mass lasts roughly thirty minutes. The choir known as the Chapel Music, famous throughout Europe, always sings new music composed by Lully, Lalande, and others.



## Holds Council

- 11 am: Returning to his apartments, the king holds council in his cabinet.
  - Sundays and Wednesdays are devoted to Councils of State
  - Tuesdays and Saturdays: finances
  - Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays: another Council of State, a Dispatch Council on domestic affairs, a Religious Council, or focus on the king's building program.



### **Makes Decisions**

Five or six
ministers usually
advise the
monarch who
speaks little, listens
a great deal, and
always decides.



Minister of Finance Colbert

### Dinner

■ 1 pm: The king dines alone in his bed-chamber, at a table facing the windows. This meal is theoretically private, but Louis XIV admits the men at court, making attendance similar to the levee.





# The Afternoon Program

■2 pm: The king always announces the afternoon program in the morning.



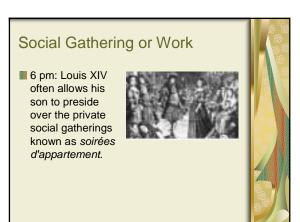
# Promenade

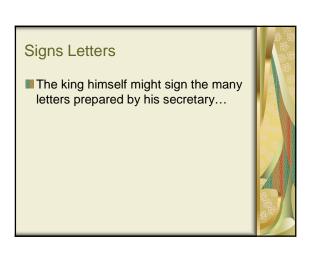
If he has decided on a promenade, it might be taken on foot in the gardens or in a carriage with ladies.

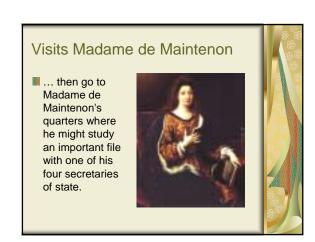


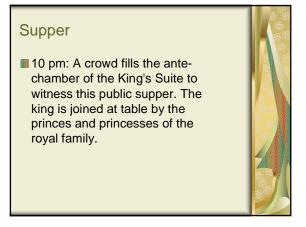






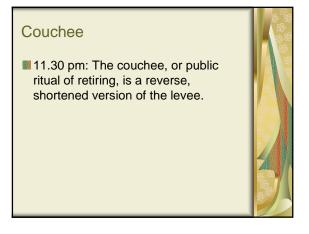


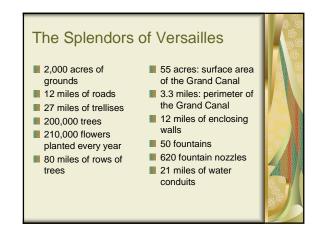


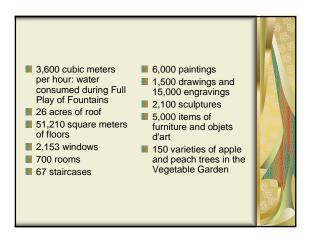


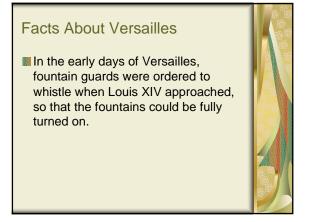


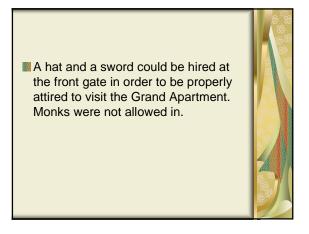
# Conversation Nonce the meal is over, the king retires to his cabinet where he can indulge in conversation with his close acquaintances.











Thefts were frequent at Versailles, despite the guards and staff. Once during the king's levee the royal doctor had his watch stolen.

