

World Civilization II (OA)

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What If Assignment

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If the French had successfully taken over England, they would be ruled by a king who would be solely in control of everything. The King would rule under the Divine right of Kings without hindrance. (pg 552) His authority would not be challenged. It was the belief that the King should rule unfettered not because God put them there but because that was the best way to rule a society smoothly. (pg 552) England would be ruled fairly. The philosopher John Locke would most likely be constrained and may not have been able to form the Twin fountains of Enlightenment. Locke derived this theory from the existence of universal human rights and located society and government in the protection of these rights. (pg 552). There would be no equality of rights and the King could use war to maintain his authority.

Whereas if England took control of France, Parliament was the elected body that represented diverse interests within the kingdom. They, not the King would control taxation and the state's military forces. (Pg. 547)

In England, the king was responsible to a monarchy meaning he could not be in complete control. He had a responsible party to answer to.

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