

# Henry IV, King of France

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## Objective

Bringing peace to the Shattered Land that is the country of France; Increasing the power of the government; and initiating religious freedom, stopping the wars between Huguenots & Catholics. " God willing, every working man in my kingdom will have a chicken in the pot every Sunday, at the least!"



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## Experience

### *Duke of Vendôme*

- 1562-1589
- I was raised as a Huguenot

### *King of Navarre*

- 1572-1610
- After my mother died, I became ruler of Navarre, a small region in northern Spain.
- I converted to Catholicism in 1572 to please my people. Even after I accepted my next position as King of France, I continued to be King of Navarre.

### *King of France*

- 1589-1610

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## Accomplishments

- Built and lived in the Palace des Vosages in Paris
- Issued the **Edict of Nantes** in 1598, which gave the Huguenots religious tolerance.
- Increased government's power
- decreased nobles' power & increased my own
- decreased power of the Church
- Built and improved roads and bridges to promote trade
- revived French agriculture so food would be cheaper
- Expanded France & its colonies
- Increased tax money through improved income of my people

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## References

Charles LePage, Duke of Lorraine (General)  
Samuel de Champlain, Explorer of North America  
Maximilien de Béthune, duc de Sully (chief advisor)

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