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January 1, 1707 ~ John V is crowned King of Portugal.

Birth: October 22, 1689 Death: July 31, 1750 Reign: 1706-1750 Preceded by: Peter II Succeeded by: Joseph I Nickname: the Magnanimous

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When John V was born, he was made the Prince of Brazil and 11th Duke of Braganza; both were pretty big jobs for an infant. His ultimate job came when he was 17 years old, he was crowned King of Portugal.

As King his power and popularity grew as the country of Portugal received the income of gold and diamonds from it's colony Brazil. One fifth of every ton extracted from the mines in Brazil was given to the King. This wealth allowed King John V to make decisions without having to ask his advisers for contributions. This propelled the monarchy of Portugal to an absolute monarchy.

He used his wealth to buy many works of art from famous painters of the time. He also increased the size of the royal library by purchasing great literature and musical compositions.

The king invested his wealth into the country's economy by creating new manufacturing facilities and building Royal Academies to promote education among his subjects.

Questions for Further Discussion:

- **Why do you think nobility bestowed lofty positions upon infants? Was it just custom or preparation for ruling?**
- **Consider the practice of sending profits from a colony back to the crown. If you were a Brazilian mine owner would you consider this practice acceptable? Would the protection and support from the Portuguese government be worth the cost?**
- **Who were some of famous European artists in the 1700's?**
- **If you were king for a month, how would you rule? Make a list of the things you might do by royal decree.**

Short Fiction: for Middle to High School ages

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Living Books List:

History of Portugal: Pamphlet Collection on Google Books (link provided on our weekly book list above)

Henry the Navigator: Prince of Portuguese Exploration by Lisa Arangelo ISBN# 0778724697

Who was Ferdinand Magellan by S. A. Kramer ISBN# 044843105X

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