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Section 1

GUIDED READING *Spain's Empire and European Absolutism*

A. Analyzing Causes and Recognizing Effects As you read about the Spanish Empire, briefly note the causes or effects (depending on which is missing) of each event or situation.

Causes	Effects
1. The gold and silver coming from its vast empire made Spain incredibly wealthy.	
2.	Spain suffered from severe inflation.
3.	The Spanish economy declined and at times Spain was bankrupt.
4. Philip raised taxes in the Netherlands and tried to crush Protestantism.	
5.	The Dutch became wealthy from trade and banking.
6.	European monarchs became increasingly more powerful.

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B. Determining Main Ideas On the back of this paper, explain how **Philip II** was an example of an **absolute monarch**.