

French Revolution - Webquest

Directions: Complete the following questions using the link listed below. You will need to go to the related websites and videos listed on the website in order to complete all of the questions.

<http://www.history.com/topics/french-revolution>



For question #1 use the video that plays at the top of the website.

1. According to the video, what makes the French Revolution significant to our lives today (Western Society)? Explain.

2. What were the Three Estates in French society? Explain each.

3. According to the website, what led to the explosive anger among the representatives of the Third Estate?

The following picture is represents the three estates in France. Use it to answer question #4.



4. In what ways does the picture above represent French society before the French Revolution?

5. When did the French Revolution begin and when did it last until?
6. According to the website, what left France on the "brink of bankruptcy" near the end of the 18th Century?
7. Besides the financial issues facing France, what else caused unrest to begin among the French peasants?
8. What was the Estates-General?
9. What was request of the Third Estate at the Estates-General? Why would they want this?
10. Who represented the Third Estate at the Estates-General?

11. An argument between the Estates broke out during the meeting of the Estates-General. What was the argument over?

12. France's population had changed considerably since 1614. The non-aristocratic members of the Third Estate now represented ____ percent of the people

13. The Estates-General struggled from the beginning over how best to proceed with the meeting and never actually achieved much discussion in regards to how best to approach the financial crisis facing France.

a. What did the Third Estate create after it decided to leave the Estates-General?

b. Where did the Third Estate meet? What "oath" did they take at that meeting?

c. Why are the actions of the Third Estate significant considering the traditional structure of French society? Explain.

14. What was the Bastille?

15. Briefly explain the events of the "Storming of the Bastille". What happened?

16. Why is the Storming of the Bastille significant to the French Revolution? What did it represent?

17. How did Louis XVI respond to the attack on the Bastille? What does this show about the King in terms of his leadership of the crisis?

18. As the revolution began to pick up its pace, the "Great Fear" occurred. Explain the significance of the "Great Fear".

19. The National Assembly abolished feudalism in France on August 4th, 1789. Why would the National Assembly do this?

20. The National Assembly adopted a document on August 4th, 1789.

a. What document did the National Assembly adopt on August 4th, 1789?

b. How were the principles of this document a dramatic change for French society?

c. According to the website, what did this document reflect about the National Assembly?

21. The National Assembly was replaced by the _____.

22. Louis XVI, the King of France during the French Revolution was killed by the revolutionaries.

a. How was Louis XVI killed?

b. What crimes was he found guilty of, that led to his death?

- c. Who else suffered the same fate of Louis XVI, just nine months later?
23. In June 1793, the _____ seized control of the National Convention from the more moderate _____ and instituted a series of radical measures, including the establishment of a new calendar and the eradication of Christianity.
24. Explain the Reign of Terror. What happened? How did the French people feel about the events of the Reign of Terror?
25. Who rose to power at the end of French Revolution and overthrew the new French government? (Now called the "Directory")