**The French Revolution Begins**

**France Before the Revolution**

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** = ruler whose power not limited by having to consult with nobles, common people or their representatives
  + Absolute monarchs believed they ruled by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + **Divine Right** = Monarchs received power from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, must not be challenged
* Remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – the ultimate absolute monarch???

**Cause #1 The French Monarchy**

**King Louis XVI**

* Became King of France at age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Married to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (of Austria).
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and indecisive ruler.
* Easily influenced by his wife.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ skills.

**Queen Marie Antoinette**

* Married Louis XVI at age \_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Daughter of Austrian Emperor Francis I and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* Marriage was an alliance between France and Austria.
* Big \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brat.

**Queen Marie Antoinette**

* Hated to be bored.
* Loved fashion (clothing and tall hair-dos).
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Loved pleasure and extravagance.
* Like to play peasant in her “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Cause #2 French Society and the Three Estates**

* France’s social system, called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had its roots in the Middle Ages (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).
* France was divided up into 3 social classes called the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”:
  1. The First Estate (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
  2. The Second Estate (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
  3. The Third Estate (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Bourgeoisie, and the Working Class)

**The First Estate**

* The first Estate was the Clergy.
* Members of the Clergy and the churches:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  2. collected tithes (taxes)
  3. owned 10% of all lands but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the population

**The Second Estate**

* The Second Estate consisted of the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* The Nobility were not a cohesive group, but they were allowed certain privileges:
  1. taxed to full extent
  2. given the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  3. hunting privilege
  4. They owned 20% of the land, but they were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the population.

**The Third Estate**

* The third estate represented the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or anyone not in the first two groups.
* It was the largest Estate, but it had the least amount of power.
* The third estate was also the poorest, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Owned 70% of land, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of population.

**France’s Economic Problems**

* The biggest problem: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
* The financial problems were due to:
  1. The French and Indian War
  2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system
  4. Economic Decline
  5. And poor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The results were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Also, the people of France were influenced by the American Revolution.

**Reform?**

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** ~ He proposed cutting Royal spending, reforming the government, and abolishing tariffs.
* But just as Necker was about to make changes…
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!!!
  1. Necker was fired when he proposed that the land held by the Church and the Nobility should be taxed.

**What should the King do?**

All classes are upset over the economic situation, but they each want very different solutions. The third estate is starting to get overtly angry, which in the future will lead to riots and a very violent future. **So what should the king do???**

**The King’s Decision**

* After many urges the King finally summoned the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to solve the nation’s problems, the Estates General met May 1789.

**May-July 1789**

* The Estates General had not been called in 175 years (not since King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).
* As an Absolute Monarch, the King was the government, but Louis XVI gave in when the atmosphere was becoming more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The third Estate wanted the votes to be counted by head, or individually, as opposed to by body.
* When they voted by body the first two estates always won 2-1.

**Tennis Court Oath**

* The King agreed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Third Estate, but would not change the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_system.
* In response the delegates of the Third Estate walked out declaring themselves to be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Tennis Court Oath**

* A few days later they found their meeting place locked and guarded.
* So they went to a near-by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and there they pledged to each other never to separate until they established a just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The King had to accept the Assembly when members of the first two Estates joined.
* However as the Estates General could not solve the problem, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Paris were occurring and the King placed troops in Paris. As it turned into July the city was in turmoil…

**Cause #4 Enlightenment Ideas**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ideas that influenced the American Revolution have spread to French newspapers
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Peasants were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and they remember they had paid for the American Revolution…ideas were planted

**Influence from American Revolution:**

1. Peasants were starving and thought Louis XVI had thrown away money helping colonists when he should have helped them
2. Revolution was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the Americans pulled it off