

# **French Revolution Unit 2 Notes**

# **Slide 1**- The French Revolution

•	Between 1789 and, Fr	rance underwent a violent revolution that overthrew the
	French monarchy, established a	with a constitution, degenerated
	into a period of terror and executions, an	nd ended with a military coup d'état (a sudden and
	decisive act in politics, usually bringing	about a change of government unlawfully and by force).
•	The	is considered to be one of the most controversial and
	significant events of the	era.
	It brought to life in	the Enlightenment ideals of equality,
	freedom, and democracy, which would j	provide the basis for
	movements and new political philosoph	ies in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century.
Slide 2-	- Absolutism	, <b>3</b>
	monarch	ns didn't share power with a counsel or
- "Divir	ne of Kings"	
	The period	roughly from 1600 to 1800 is often referred to as the
	Age of	
	Monarchs during this time exercised	authority and did not share
	with	
•		of "Divine Right of Kings"—the idea
		by God and were responsible only to
	God.	
١.	Thus, no one could	their judgment.
•		as one of the first
	absolutist	

•	Not only did James believe that should hold
	power (a belief that led him to clash with Parliament on several
	occasions), but he also wrote extensively about the Right of King
•	In his work <i>The True Law of Free Monarchies</i> , he stated that "Kings are called godsbecause
	they sit upon His throne in the and have the count of their administration
	to give unto him."
Slide 3-	The Seigneurial System (a feudal lord or landowner, the holder of a landed estate the title to
which h	ad its origin in a feudal grant from the king of France.)
- Feudal	l method of land and organization
- Peasan	nt
•	Since the Middle Ages, and other European
	were structured on a system called feudalism.
•	Part of this was a method of land ownership and
	known as seigneurialism or manorialism.
•	Most, but not all of the in France owned land.
•	The term <i>seigneur</i> referred to the nobles who did own
•	Seigneurs used labor to work their lands.
•	In 18th-century, the nobility owned about 25 percent of the land yet pa
	in taxes.
•	Under the seigneurial system, the could the
	peasants who on their land.
•	Taxation of the peasantry ended up the seigneurs with a major
	of revenue.
<u>Slide 4</u> -	Louis XIV (14th)
- Ruled	from
	the power of the

- Fought	wars		
- Greatly	France'	s national	
•	France before the	is often referred to as the ancien	ı régime;
	during this	of more than 130 years (spanning both the 1	7th and 18th
	centuries), the country had just two	·	
	The first, King	XIV, had a powerful impact on France du	ring his long
	reign (1643–1715) and is considered by	y many as the epitome of an	
	ru	ıler.	
	He centralized	in himself at the expense of the nobility, rer	noving them
	from positions as governors and minist	ters and relegating them to the role of courtiers	at the
	palace a	t Versailles.	
	Louis implemented policies that led	to emerge as the domin	nant power
	in continental		
	He increased the nation's standing	and fought four wars betw	een 1667
	and 1713.		
	These wars added to France's	standing and	l prestige,
	but left the country deeply in		
	Louis increased this debt by undertaking	ng both const	truction
	(such as new networks of roads and ca	nals) and royal building projects, including the	grand palace
	at	·	
	He also spent huge sums maintaining a	a lavish	for the royal
	court at Versailles.		
	He attempted to offset France's mount	ing deficits by	
	taxes on the peasants, but by the time of	of his death the	_ still
	remained heavily in debt.		

	5- The Seven Years' War  XV (1	5th)	
		, North America	
		some of its colonial	
	ases French		
		ved to be incapable of	with France's
	financial problems and incre	eased the debt by involving	in the Seven
	Years' War.		,()
	The war pitted the	and Prussians o	on one side against the French
		on the other.	
		in Europe, but also in India and in	
		, where the war was known as	the French and Indian
		allied with Native Americans against the	
	Though the war	up a stalemate in Eur	ope, France suffered
		to the British in North America	and in India; as a result, it
	was forced to cede some of		
		for the war fell	on the neasantry
Slide 6	6- The Three Estates	for the war res	on the peasanty.
- First		(religious elite; ie- priests and monks)	
			alons)
- Seco		(land owning elite; rich upper	
		the rest of society (included middle, wor	king and lower classes)
- The I	Estates		
•	In French	, the people were divided in	to three categories called
	estates.		
•	Each estate had	roles and privileges.	

•	The First Estate consisted of the	, the Second Estate was the
	nobility/aristocracy, and the Third	included most of the rest of French
	society—the peasants and the "	people."
•	The Third Estate, the poorest group,	most of the nation's
•		, to pay for the kings' palaces, to support the f the aristocracy, and to pay for other public projects
-	France's nominal	at a parliament was called the Estates General,
	which was established in 1602.	
•	Though it had once served a key	, by the 17th century its importance had
	declined greatly.	
	In fact, the Estates General did not even	from 1614 until 1789.

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**Slide 7-** The Three Estates Picture



- Who do the various figures represent? What message is the artist trying to convey?

## **Slide 8**- The Third Estate

- Taxat	ion	
	failures	
•	The Third Estate had long labored	an obsolete tax code that placed the
	majority of France's tax	upon its shoulders.
•	With this heavy already a drain	on their purse, bad weather in the 1780s caused
	widespread crop failures that resulted in grain	, which
	pushed the price of bread, the staple of the French	too high for most
	peasants to buy.	
	This would prove to be another	leading to a revolution.
Slide 9	- The Enlightenment	
- New i	ideas about and governr	nent
- The so	ocial	
•	The Enlightenment was a	of intellectual ferment that gave rise to a
	range of new theories about society,	, philosophy,
	economics, and religion.	
•	The concepts of, eq	quality, and democracy were becoming popular
	through the writings of thinkers such as John	, Jean-Jacques Rousseau,
	and Thomas Paine.	
•	Enlightenment philosophers and writers	the aristocracy and
	the monarchy, drawing much of their inspiration from	om the of
	the social contract.	
	The social contract was a feature of the	of both Locke and Rousseau.
•	It stated that a rules at the	ne behest (wish) of the people.
•	If a ruler is, according to	the social contract, then the people have the
	right and the duty to	that ruler.

## **Slide** 10- The American Revolution

- France	rance the colonists against Great		
		ideals	
•	France strongly supported the	against Britain—its arch	
	enemy—during the	Revolution.	
•	The French government sent	, ships, and cash to the Americans.	
•	The French, however, could ill afford	d to money on a foreign war that	
	would yield little	for them.	
•	The ideals of the American Revolution	on—and the Enlightenment	
	th	nat informed these ideals—inspired men like the Marquis de	
	Lafayette to raise and lead regiments	of their own to fight in America	
•		y got to see firsthand both the of	
	liberty and its		
	The success of the colonies in winnin	ng their also prove	
	that it was possible for "the people" t	to throw off burdens placed upon it by an	
		regime.	
Slide 11	- Financial Crisis		
- Jacque	s	_	
- Calling	g of the	General	
-		made on the American Revolution—along with the	
	huge sums the spe	ent to maintain his lavish lifestyle—worsened its already	
	precarious	situation, and by the late 1780s the	
	government lay close to bankruptcy.		

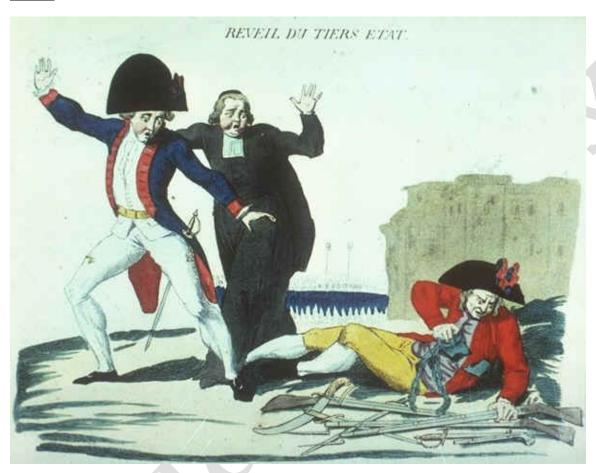
•	King Louis XVI's Finance Minister, Swiss	Jacques Necker, knew that
	the poor had already been taxed as much as possible an	d therefore a new
	of revenue had to be found.	
•	Necker proposed levying a tax on all	: this essentially meant that
	the First and Second Estates—the Church and the noble	es—would now have to pay
	·	
	Needless to say, neither of these	supported this plan.
	The aristocracy, who saw their exemption from taxation	n as a,
	refused to even discuss the issue.	
•	The Church, which had grown	on tithes and property holdings,
	also rejected the idea of having to	taxes on its lands.
•	Since the First andEst	tates had balked at his plan, Necker urged
	the king to call a meeting of the Estates	in order to get the
	property tax implemented.	
Slide 12	- The Estates General	
- One _	per estate	
- Clergy	andusually joined together to	outvote the Third Estate
- Met in	in May 1789	
•	Each estate had one vote in the Estates	, despite the fact that the
	First and Second Estates only represented three percent	of the
	of France.	
	In addition, since the first two	always voted together, if the
	Estate disagreed with them	there was little it could do with its single
	vote.	



When the Estates General convened in Versailles in May	, the First and		
Second Estates had about 300 delegates each, while the Third Estate had ab	oout 600		
<del>.</del>			
• A controversy over voting arose almost immediately, as the Third Estate			
that rather than having one vote per es	tate, each delegate be		
given a			
This would have allowed the Third Estate the opportunity to gain a	0		
■ The king, however, this proposal.			
Slide 13- The National Assembly			
- The Third Estate took action and its own g	government		
- On June 17, 1789, the Assembly was formed			
<ul> <li>After weeks of frustrating over voting, the</li> </ul>	ne representatives of the		
Third Estate declared themselves the "National	" and claimed that		
they were France's true representative body.			
■ They invited of the other estates to join the	em, and some members		
of the and aristocracy did so.			
■ The National Assembly was by the inf	luential Abbé Sieyes,		
who had earlier published a pamphlet that proclaimed the Third Estate and the			
were one.			



## <u>Slide 14</u>-



"The Third Estate Awakens." Compare it with the earlier cartoon in slide 6 on the Three Estates.

# **Slide 15**- Confrontation With the King

Louis XVI ordered the Third Estate	out of the National Assembly's meeting hall
- The Court Oath	
The king reverses his	
Louis	_ that the National Assembly be locked out of its meeting
place.	
He continued to insist that the	meet separately and that the National
Assembly be disbanded.	

■ The	National Assembly	by m	oving to a nearby tennis court,
whe	ere they vowed not to leave until France	e had a	
■ This	s "Tennis Court"	gained the Assembly pop	oularity among the working
clas	s and poor, and they even drew some o	f the more open-minded	clergy and
	to th	eir side as well.	
• On .	June 27th, the reve	ersed his position and ord	ered the first two estates to
join	the	_ Assembly.	<b>A</b>
■ He a	also decided to call	troops into	to try to keep a
lid o	on the volatile situation.		
<u>Slide 16</u> - Sto	orming of the Bastille	C	
- Rioting in _	in early July		
- Firing of _			
- July 14th: a	moband	takes the	
• Who	en rumors spread that the	was amassing t	croops, rioting started in the
	of Paris.	,	
• On .	July 11th, Louis	Necker, whose advocacy	of easing the tax burden on the
low	er classes had made him quite		among the Third Estate.
<ul><li>Mol</li></ul>	os in Paris reacted by seizing	fron	n one armory and then
attao	cking the Bastille, a	and armory that was	a prime symbol of royal
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• Afte	er a furious battle between the	and the p	rison guards, the Bastille fell;
Frer	nch	had refused to stop the	e attack, a sign that Louis was
losii	ng further		
• Afte	er the battle, the mob completely		the Bastille.
■ The	fall of the Bastille became the main _		of the revolution.
■ It al	so marked the end of the king's ability	to enforce his	

Slide 17- The Great Fe	ar	
	spreads	
Peasants	the countryside	
End of	privileges	
• The		quickly spread to the countryside.
<ul> <li>Peasants, armed</li> </ul>	d with	and other rudimentary weapons,
overran estates	and	houses and seized and destroyed records.
<ul> <li>To restore orde</li> </ul>	r, the National Assembly _	feudal privileges on
August 4th, thu	s making all French citize	ns equal in the eyes of the
Slide 18- The Declarati	on of the Rights of Man a	and Citizen
· Adopted by	As	ssembly on August 27th
· Enlightenment		
· Outlined basic	he	eld by all
Asserted the	of the	e people
· "Liberté, Egalité,		<i>y</i>
<ul> <li>Just as the Dec</li> </ul>	laration of Independence h	ad laid out the ideals of the
	F	Revolution, the Declaration of the
	of	and Citizen set forth the ideals of the French
Revolution.		
<ul> <li>Adopted by the</li> </ul>	new	_ National Assembly on August 27, 1789, the documen
		of speech, freedom of
	assembly, freedom of religion, and freedom from arbitrary arrest and imprisonment.	
• The first three a	articles read:	
		free and equal in rights. Social distinctions may
	only ı	

•	2. The aim of all	association is the preservation of the
	natural and imprescriptible rights of man. These	rights are liberty, property,
	, and res	istance to oppression.
	3. The principle of all sovereignty	essentially in the nation.
	No body nor individual may exercise any author	ity which does not proceed
	from the n	ation.
	Article 5 proclaimed limits on	authority, stating that, "The law
	has only the right to forbid those actions that are	detrimental to
	Anything	that is not forbidden by law may not be
	prevented, and none may be compelled to do wh	at the does not require."
	Although the Declaration did not	a new constitution, it did create a
	new government with the	as a figurehead.
	Sovereignty now lay with the people rather than	with the
	The principles of the	were most clearly captured
	in the slogan of the French Revolution: "Liberté,	. Egalité, Fraternité"
	(", Equality,	Fraternity").
Slide 19	9- The March of Women	
- Lower	rstill unsatisfied	
- Thous	sands of starving and _	march on Versailles
- Louis	forced to to Paris	
•	Though the lower classes undoubtedly endorsed	the expressed in the Declaration,
	the issuing of the	_ still did not satisfy them—largely because the
	king refused to accept either the	or the National
	Assembly's abolition of feudalism.	
-	Louis had consequently abandoned	and moved to the royal Palace of
	Versailles in order to avoid the turmoil in the	

•	Meanwhile by October, food	had become critical again.	
	On October 5th, a starving crowd of	of women marched on	
	Versailles in order to get the king to	the National Assembly's measur	es.
•	By the time they reached the	palace, the march had become a mob.	
	The National Guard attempted to maintain	, but the mob attacked the pala	ce.
	Only when the king	to return to Paris was some semblance of order	
	restored.	Y	
	Once back in the	, the king and his family were essentially imprison	ned
	in the Tuileries		
Slide 20-	- Civil Constitution of the Clergy		
	crisis		
- Nation	al Assembly	and sells off lands	
- Church	a also	, reorganized	
- Clergy	of		
	Because the French	still lay in chaos, the National Assembly decid	ed
		and abolish monasteries.	
		ral to back currency called	
	assignats.		
	The church were then s	old to bring in much-needed revenue; consequently,	
	many were shu	ut down.	
	The church was also	and reorganized under a new "Civil	
	Constitution of the	": bishops and priests would be popularly elected	,
	paid by the state, and required to	an oath of allegiance to the constitutio	n.
	The National Assembly's anti-Church	caused a rift in French socie	ety
	and alienated a significant portion of the _	population, most of	î
	whom were devout		

•	From this time on, the peasants frequently	_ further
	revolutionary changes.	
Slide 2	<u>1</u> - Flight of the King	
- Émigr	r'és	
	XVI and his family attempted to flee	
- They	were at Varennes	
	While the National Assembly was busy restructuring the	Y
	between the state and the, Louis XVI and his family atte	empted to flee
	France.	
•	Many of the French nobility had left the country since July; so	ome of these
	émigrés (as they were known) had met with other	rulers and
	sought aid to fight against the revolution.	
•	Louis, who had been held in Paris since the m	obs had forced him
	to leave Versailles, decided to try and join the émigrés.	
•	He and his family were, however, at the city of Vare	ennes, which lay
	only miles from the border.	
•	This to escape further discredited Louis in the eyes of	of the
Slide 22	2- Reaction from Other Countries	
	of Pillnitz	
- Possib	ole intervention	
	Other European viewed events in France with dism	nay.
1	They not only feared the possibility that the	in France
	could undermine stability in Europe as a whole, but that the	
	fervor there could possibly e	even spread to their
	own countries.	



One result of this was the Declaration of Pillnitz, in which the  of Austria and Prussia stated their willingness to intervene in France under certain		
Most people in France saw the Declaration of Pillnitz as an affront to their nation's		
, and several clamored for the government to declare		
war on Austria, which they viewed as the threat.		
3- New Constitution		
monarchy		
Assembly		
After two years of argument, the National Assembly a		
constitution in September 1791.		
The document removed most of the king's and provided for a new		
Legislative Assembly with the power to laws.		
Though the constitution formalized France's new as a democracy, it		
did not solve the continuing problems of the national and of food shortages.		
The search for to these problems led to a split in the Legislative		
Assembly.		
Radicals in the Assembly wanted to go beyond the constitution and make further		
that would give more power to the		
The most group in Paris was the <i>sans-culottes</i> ("those without		
knee breeches"), so named because they wore long trousers instead of the knee-length style of		
pants worn by the classes.		
They were wage-earners and shop keepers who wanted to exert more		
on the government even though they did not sit in the		
Assembly.		

- The sans-culottes constituted a large segment of the \_\_\_\_\_ mob.
- Of the other factions in the Assembly, \_\_\_\_\_\_ supported some change while conservatives supported a limited monarchy.

#### <u>Slide 24</u>-



- The painting in this slide is an allegorical depiction of the \_\_\_\_\_ constitution.
- The \_\_\_\_\_\_ on the pedestal represents the constitution, the soldiers at the left represent the \_\_\_\_\_ Guard, and the other people represent the \_\_\_\_\_ of France.

#### Slide 25- War With Austria

- France declares \_\_\_\_\_

of the First		
en masse		
In April 1792, France		war on Austria, partly as a response to the
Declaration of Pillnitz and partly	because of a desire b	by the radicals to spread the revolution
throughout	·	
The conflict became known as the	ne War of the	Coalition, as Prussia joined
ag	gainst France.	<b>A</b>
The wartime atmosphere in Fran	ce would eventually _	the
Revolution and spill into the stre	ets of Paris, when mo	bs attacked the Royal
aga	ain in August, fearful t	that a Coalition victory could restore Louis
to power.		
By early 1793, Austria and		had been joined by Great Britain,
Holland, and Spain.		
With the war at this time going b	oadly for France, the _	Convention
decided to institute a draft called	l the levee en masse; it	t involved conscription of all able-bodied
men between 18 and 25 into the		_, which grew to 800,000 by 1794.
The levee represented the first m	iass	of soldiers on the European continent.
During 1793–94, France focused	l on	itself against invasion;
in the following year, French	W	vent on the offensive and occupied the Low
Countries, the Rhineland, Switze	erland, and parts of Sp	ain.
The Treaties of Basil in 1795 end	ded the war with Prus	sia and
In 1796, French armies—comma	anded by a young offic	cer named
	Bonaparte—invad	ed Italy, won a series of battles against
Austrian troops, and occupied st	rategic areas.	
The victories in	forced Austria	to make peace with France, and the War of
the First Coalition ended in 1797	7.	

## **Slide 26**- The Radicals Take Over

- Paris mob	Tuileries	
- Louis and family seek aid of		Assembly
- Arrested and		
<ul> <li>Meanwhile in August 1</li> </ul>	792, the Paris Commune (the governing	ng body of the city of Paris) led an
angry, wh	nich had been controlled since Lafayet	tte and the National Guard had fired
on them the	year, and attack	ed the royal family in the Tuileries,
killed all of the king's S	Swiss guards, and forced	to to seek refuge in the
Legislative Assembly.		
■ He was taken prisoner, l	however, and the Assembly	to depose him.
<ul> <li>King Louis XVI and his</li> </ul>	s, Marie Anto	inette, would never rule or see each
other again.		·
The Legislative Assemb	oly called for a new	to a National
Convention to draft ano	ther new constitution for the French _	
<u>Slide 27</u> - The National Conven	tion	
- First met on	21, 1792	
- Revolutionary		
- Monarchy	; France officially become	es a
- Factions: Jacobins vs.		
■ The National Convention	on was the new	body that
replaced the National A	ssembly.	
■ The first act of this new	government was to	remove the
King from the French go	overnment.	
• France was	a republic.	
The National Convention	on also discarded the	Gregorian
calendar in favor of a R	evolutionary Calendar: the year 1792	was labeled as Year 1

•	Two main factions dominated the National		_•
	Jacobin clubs were radical	groups that had s	prung up
	throughout France during the Revolution; initially	y, the	had
	total control of the National Convention.		
•	A split soon developed, however, between the Ja	cobins and the Girondins, who	
	th	ne provinces.	
•	The Girondins were soon expelled from the	be	cause they
	were too moderate.		<i>)</i>
•	The most Jacob	ins were called "The Mountain" be	cause they sat
	in the highest seats of the hall where the Nationa	l Convention met.	
•	All three groups agreed that Louis had committee	d, t	out only the
	Mountain demanded his execution.	<b>Y</b>	
Slide 28	2- Leaders in the National Convention		
•	One of the most prominent Jacobin	was Jean-Paul	Marat, who
	had been an early advocate of abolishing the mo	narchy.	
•	He advocated the elimination of any of the "ener	nies of the	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
	and thus supported the September 1792 massacro	es, in which 1200 political	
	in the jail	ls of Paris were killed by Jacobin-su	apported mobs.
•	One of the most radical	of the National Conver	ntion, Marat
	strongly condemned the Girondins for being too		; the
	Girondins in turn saw him as an increasingly dar	igerous demagogue.	
	On July 13, 1793, Marat was	to death in his bathtu	b by Charlotte
	Corday, a young Girondin.		
•	Another important	_ leader was Georges Danton, a mo	ember of the
	Commune of Paris who had helped	the attack on the	ne Tuileries
	and the overthrow of the monarchy.		

•	In the new	, he became minister of justice.	
•	A member of the National Conven	tion, he dominated the first Committee of Public	
	2- Robespierre		
	ıl	_	
- Most c	controversial	of the French	
•	It was a country lawyer named Ma	ximilien Robespierre who would come to	
		much of the fanaticism of the French Revolution	
•	First as a member of the National _	and then as	s the head of
	the infamous Committee of Public	Safety, he sought to have all of the ideals of the Rev	volution
	enforced and, in doing so, perverte	d the so many had strug	gled to
	attain.		
•	In his own words, "To establish	and consolidate	, to
	achieve the peaceful rule of constit	tutional laws we must finish the war of liberty against	st
	tyrannyWe must annihilate the _	of the Republic	c at home
	and abroad or else we perish"		
Slide 30-	2- The Guillotine		
- Dr. Jos	seph		
- Intende	ed as a more	_ method of execution	
- Thousa	ands guillotined during the	Revolution	
•	In October 1789, Dr. Joseph Guillo	otin proposed to the	Assembly
	that those condemned to	should be beheaded rather than hung	g, burned, or
	drawn and quartered.		

•	He argued that beheading was not only a		_ and more humane way to
	die, but that adopting a uniform method o	of execution would also be m	nore
	In 1791, the Assembly consented and man	de the guillotine the	
	method of execution for France.		
•	It would soon became a prominent		of the French Revolution.
•	The guillotine was first used in 1792; the	crowd that had gathered to	watch the new
	in action	on disliked it because death of	occurred too quickly—they
	preferred the gallows		
•	During the course of the Revolution,		died by guillotine; at the
	height of its use in the city of Paris, over	1200 people were	
	during a 13-month period (May 1793 to J	June 1794).	
Slide 31	2- Execution of the King		
- On Jar	nuary 17, 1793, Louis XVI was	C	of treason
- He we		four days later on Janua	
•	Theco	nvinced the National Conve	ntion to charge Louis XVI
	with treason for conspiring with Austria a	and Prussia against France.	
	He was found	and sentenced to death.	
•	He was		
Slide 32	2- The Committee of Public Safety		
- Creat	ed to cease an	rebellion in 1793	
- Given	po	ower	
-	France for nearly	y a	
	After the	of the king, the National	Convention declared war on
	Britain and Holland, who had joined the I	First Coalition against Franc	e (Spain later joined the
	Coalition as well).		

•	Meanwhile in the spring of 1793, a pro-monarchy	broke out in the
	region of La Vendee in the French	·
•	In order to deal with the, the Nation	onal Convention created a
	Committee of Public Safety, which was given broad powers in	to cease
	the uprising.	
•	Initially headed by, the Committee e	ended up ruling with almost
	dictatorial for about a year.	<b>Y</b>
•	This development ultimately fatal f	or the Revolution.
•	The of the Committee of Public Sar	fety seemed mundane enough at
	first.	
•	The Committee was charged with the of draft	ting conscriptees into the
	French army via the <i>levee en masse</i> .	
•	The Committee soon went beyond this, however, and rapidly	its
	authority in order to safeguard the revolution.	
•	Its leading members were Danton, Marat, and	·
•	Initially, Danton dominated the	; however, he began to
	advocate more conciliatory policies and by the summer of	, he had been replaced
	by Robespierre and the more radical Jacobins.	
•	Robespierre would the committee	ee into an instrument by which
	he could rid himself of and enemies.	
•	He used the power of the Committee to more or less	control of the
	National Convention, which he then induced to give the committee	even more
1	By this point, the Committee was	a dictatorship.
Slide 3	33- The Reign of Terror	
- July	1793–1794	

- Executions	
- Death of	
<ul> <li>Robespierre and the of Public Saf</li> </ul>	ety held power from
July 1793 to July 1794, a period that has come to be known as the "Reign of"	
This period included a of purges that took place	e in which nearly
40,000 people Robespierre labeled as "enemies" of the went to the guillotine.	<b>7</b>
The Reign of Terror spared no one: nobles,, are, are	nd members of the
■ Among the famous executed during this period we	ere Danton,
members of the National Convention who opposed Robespierre, and Queen Antoinette.  Finally in July 1794, some of the National Convent	tion, fearing for their
own safety, had Robespierre and his followers  to the guillotine.  The of Terror had ended.	and sent
Slide 34- The Thermidorean Reaction	
- Robespierre on 9 Thermidor	
- Committee of Public Safety clubs disbanded	
- New constitution in August 1795	
- Executive known as the	
The overthrow of Robespierre and the Committee ofknown as the Thermidorean Reaction because it took place on the date of 9	Safety became

\_\_\_\_\_ on the Revolutionary Calendar.

•	The Committee of Public Safety w	as		_ and so were all the
	Jacobin clubs.			
•	Some churches reopened, many po	litical prisoners wer	e	, and
	émigrés began returning.			
•	In order to prevent any official gro	up from		and taking over
	the national government the way th	ne Committee of Pub	olic Safety had, anothe	r new constitution
	was adopted in	1795.		A
•	It created a two-house parliament v	which		an executive
	Directory of five men.			
•	Although supposedly		_, the new constitution	n only gave the right
	to vote to about 20,000 men—mos	tly from the	m	iddle class.
Slide 3	<u>5</u> - The Directory			
- Prom	noted	class interests		
- Finar	ncial			
	shortages			
	in Paris			
- Rise	of			
	The Directory's tenure was		by scandal, fina	ncial troubles, and
	political strife.			
•	It promoted middle class		, which irritated the	e working poor.
•	Combined with runaway		and food shorts	ages, the people of
	Paris	once again.		
	The Directory had to call in the		_ to put down the	·
	One such riot in 1795 was ended by	y the	of the	e army under the
	leadership of Napoleon Bonaparte.			

•	As a reward for his actions, Napoleon was given	of French
	forces fighting the Austrians in Italy.	
Slide 30	6- Napoleon Bonaparte	
- Popula	arity after victories over the	
· Confli	ict with	
	Coup d'etat	
The _		Y
•	Napoleon's victories over the Austrians in Italy	an end to the war and
	allowed France to gain extremely favorable terms in the subs	sequent
	treaty.	
	Napoleon's achievements made him a national	
•	He next received command of an army	to invade England.
•	Napoleon, however, felt an	might not be the best strategic move
	and decided instead to strike at	colonial possessions and attempt
	to take Egypt.	
•	French moved in and assumed co	ntrol of the country; however, the
	British navy under Admiral Horatio Nelson	the French
	fleet at Abukir Bay in 1799, leaving Napoleon stranded in E	gypt.
•	Meanwhile back in France, the	was becoming more and
	more unpopular because of widespread corruption and its ina	ability to solve the country's
	problems.	
•	With the Directory on shaky ground, Napoleon saw an	
	to seize power.	
•	He abandoned his troops in and	returned to France.
•	On November 9, 1799, with the of the	ne army in France, he executed a
	successful <i>coup d'état</i> and overthrew the Directory.	

•	The French		was over.			
•	A new government called the			was put into place.		
	■ The Consulate was in theory a republican form of					
	headed by three consuls, of which	Napoleon w	as first consu	1.		
•	He quickly took complete		of	the entire government.		
•	In 1802, Napoleon was made			for life.		
Slide 3	<u>7</u> - Napoleon Becomes Emperor					
- 1804:	Napoleon	himself				
•	In a lavish ceremony in	, Bon	aparte crown	ed		
	Emperor Napoleon I.					
•	The great revolutionary		and goals of	the old Republic disappeared into the		
	imperial government of a		Corsican	general who had assumed		
		power.				
•	The French Revolution had come	full		: a country that had deposed a		
	king had	- 8	an emperor.			
Slide 3	<u>8</u> - Legacies of the French Revolut	ion				
- End o	f					
- Power	r ofended					
- Peasa	nts became					
		ide	eals			
•	As is the case with all		eve	ents, opinions may vary on their		
	significance or impact.					
	What is agreed upon is that the			brought an end to absolutism		
	in France.					



Even when the monarchy was	, it was not absolutist in
With the abolition of feudal privileges, the	lost their power and
eventually their	
The peasants and middle class came to	land for the first time,
and France became a nation of small landownin	
The Revolution and the	wars associated with it also gave the
French people a strong sense of	identity.
Loyalties had shifted from a	or queen to the nation.
This "nationalism" that began in	was spread by revolutionary and
Napoleonic armies to the rest of	
The struggle for national	became one of the most important
themes of 19th- and 20th-century European and	politics.
The Declaration of theo	f was an outstanding example of
the expression of Enlightenment ideals concern	ing freedom,, and
rights.	
These ideals, along with the	of equality before the law, would provide the
basis for reform movements and new political p	philosophies in the century.



