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# The French Revolution

# **Documentary Notes Guide**

## **Political Alliances**

- 1. Why did Louis XIV build the Palace of Versailles <u>outside</u> the city of Paris?
- 2. What was Louis XVI (Louis Capet) like when he married Marie Antoinette?
- 3. What was life like outside of Versailles?
- 4. How did the Seven Years War affect France?
- 5. How did the population growth affect France?

### Age of Enlightenment

- 6. What city became the philosophical and educational center of the world during the Enlightenment?
- 7. What were two of the ideas that were developing during the Enlightenment?
- 8. What group of people first adopted the ideas of the Enlightenment?
- 9. How did the American Revolution affect the French?

### **Madame Deficit**

- 10. What habit of Marie Antoinette's came to represent all that was wrong with the monarchy in France?
- 11. Why does Marie Antoinette get her nickname 'Madame Deficit'?
- 12. What is the bigger reason that the people gossiped about Marie Antoinette?

#### **Financial Crisis**

13. What happens to the common people when Louis XVI attempts financial reform?

14. What happened to the food supply in 1788-1789?

15. What happened to bakers suspected of hoarding bread?

16. What does Jacques Necker believe is the responsibility of the government?

17. What percentage of the population of France was represented by the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Estates?

18. What percentage of the population of France was represented by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Estate?

19. What does the  $3^{rd}$  Estate demand that the  $1^{st}$  &  $2^{nd}$  Estates do?

20. What do the deputies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Estate do when they get locked out of the Estates General meeting?

### To The Bastille

21. What do the people do to arm themselves in preparation for fighting the king?

- 22. What does the Bastille represent?
- 23. Why was storming the bastille such an important event?

24. What is the reaction of the National Assembly to the killing of the superintendent of the Bastille?

### The People's Friend

- 25. Why do the people tear apart the Bastille?
- 26. What was the real meaning of the Declaration of Rights of Man?

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27. What three things do the people demand in their new constitution?

- a. b.
- c.

28. What does Marat think will help the revolution succeed?

29. What role do the Parisian women have in the fall of the king & queen?

## **Foreign Assistance**

30. Why does Louis XIV's attempt to leave make the people so upset?

31. Why does Robespierre want to eliminate the death penalty?

32. Why was the guillotine invented?

# Death of a King & Noble Blood

33. What happens when the *sans-culottes* break into the prisons?

34. Why does Robespierre decide to take control of the Revolution?

35. Why does Robespierre decide to put the king to death?

36. Why was Marie Antoinette sentenced to death?

### **Defending the Border**

37. What do Robespierre and D'Anton do to the Constitution?

38. Why did they do this?

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39. What kinds of things would result in a trip to the guillotine during this time?

40. How do Robespierre's beliefs change during this time?

41. What was "deChristianization"?

42. Why did the Revolutionaries create a new calendar?

### **Civic Virtue**

43. What did 'Civic Virtue' mean to Robespierre?

44. How does Robespierre deal with people like D'Anton who believe that it is time to end the Terror?

45. How many executions per month were being done in Paris during the Great Terror?

46. What does Robespierre suggest replacing the Catholic Church (and God) with?

47. How do the other leaders feel about Robespierre after the Festival of the Supreme Being?

48. What ends up happening to Robespierre?