

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, ar	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 p	provide the basis for
	movements and new political philosoph	ies in the 19 th century.
Slide 2-	Absolutism	Y
	monarch	ns didn't share power with a counsel or
	ne of Kings"	
		roughly from 1600 to 1800 is often referred to as the
	Age of	
		authority and did not share
	with	
•		of "Divine Right of Kings"—the idea
		their judgment
•		
-		as one of the first
	God. Thus, no one could	by God and were responsible only to their judgment as one of the first

•	Not only did James believe that	should hold	
	power (a belief	of that led him to clash with Parliament of	n several
	occasions), but he also wrote extensivel	y about the	Right of Kings
•	In his work The True Law of Free Mond	archies, he stated that "Kings are called g	godsbecause
	they sit upon His throne in the	and have the count of the	ir administration
	to give unto him."		
<u>Slide 3</u> -	The Seigneurial System (a feudal lord	or landowner, the holder of a landed esta	ate the title to
which h	ad its origin in a feudal grant from the ki	ng of France.)	
- Feuda	l method of land	and organizati	on
- Peasar	nt		
•	Since the Middle Ages,	and other European	
		were structured on a system ca	lled feudalism.
•	Part of this	was a method of land ownersh	ip and
		known as seigneurialism or n	manorialism.
•	Most, but not all of the	in France owned land.	
•	The term <i>seigneur</i> referred to the nobles	s who did own	
•	Seigneurs used	labor to work their lands.	
•	In 18th-century	_, the nobility owned about 25 percent o	f the land yet paid
	in taxes.		
•	Under the seigneurial system, the	could	the
	peasants who	on their land.	
•	Taxation of the peasantry ended up	the seign	eurs with a major
	of revenu	ie.	
Slide 4-	Louis XIV (14th)		
- Ruled	from1715		
	the nower 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	many as the epitome of an	
	rul	er.	
	He centralized	_ in himself at the expense of the nobility, rer	noving them
	from positions as governors and minister	ers and relegating them to the role of courtiers	at the
	palace at	Versailles.	
		to emerge as the domin	nant power
	in continental		
	He increased the nation's standing	and fought four wars betw	reen 1667
	and 1713.		
	These wars added to France's	standing and	d prestige,
	but left the country deeply in		
	Louis increased this debt by undertakin	g both const	truction
	(such as new networks of roads and canals) and royal building projects, including the g		grand palace
	at		
•	He also spent huge sums maintaining a	lavish	for the royal
	court at Versailles.		
	He attempted to offset France's mounti	ng deficits by	
	taxes on the peasants, but by the time o	f his death the	_still
	remained heavily in debt.		

Slide 5- The Seven Years' War _____XV (15th) - War fought in Europe, , North America - France ends up some of its colonial - Increases French debt Louis XV (1715–1774) proved to be incapable of with France's financial problems and increased the debt by involving in the Seven Years' War. The war pitted the _____ and Prussians on one side against the French, Austrians, and on the other. Fighting took place not just in Europe, but also in India and in , where the war was known as the French and Indian because France allied with Native Americans against the British and American up a stalemate in Europe, France suffered Though the war ___ to the British in North America and in India; as a result, it was forced to cede some of its colonial possessions. Much of the burden of for the war fell on the peasantry. Slide 6- The Three Estates : clergy (religious elite; ie- priests and monks) (land owning elite; rich upper class) - Second Estate: Estate: the rest of society (included middle, working and lower classes) - The Estates In French ______, the people were divided into 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 tyle of 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 eve	n 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

- Taxation	1		
	failures		
• 1	The Third Estate had long labored	an obsolete ta	x code that placed the
n	najority of France's tax	upon its shoulde	ers.
• 7	With this heavy already	a drain on their purse, bad w	weather in the 1780s caused
v	videspread crop failures that resulted in gra	in	, which
p	oushed the price of bread, the staple of the F	rench	, too high for most
p	peasants to buy.		
• 7	This would prove to be another	leading to	o a revolution.
<i>Slide 9</i> - T	he Enlightenment		
- New ide	as about and ¿	government	
- The soci	ial		
• 7	The Enlightenment was a	of intellectual fe	erment that gave rise to a
r	ange of new theories about society,		, philosophy,
e	economics, and religion.		
• T	The concepts of	, equality, and democra	cy were becoming popular
t]	hrough the writings of thinkers such as John	n	_, Jean-Jacques Rousseau,
a	and Thomas Paine.		
• E	Enlightenment philosophers and writers		the aristocracy and
ti	he monarchy, drawing much of their inspira	ation from the	of
t!	he social contract.		
• 1	The social contract was a feature of the	of	both Locke and Rousseau.
• I	t stated that arul	les at the behest (wish) of th	ne people.
	f a ruler is, accord		
	ight and the duty to		

Slide 10- The American Revolution

France		the colonists against Great		
		ideals		
•	France strongly supported the		against Britain—its arch	
	enemy—during the	Re	evolution.	
•	The French government sent _	, ships,	and cash to the Americans.	
•	The French, however, could ill	l afford to	money on a foreign war that	
	would yield little	for them.		
•	The ideals of the American Re	evolution—and the Enlightenmen	t	
		that informed these ideals—	-inspired men like the Marquis de	
	Lafayette to raise and lead regi	iments of their own	to fight in America.	
■ French soldiers in America ultimately got to see firsthand both the				
	liberty and its			
•	The success of the colonies in winning their also proved			
	that it was possible for "the people" to throw off burdens placed upon it by an			
		regime.		
Slide 11	- Financial Crisis			
Jacque	s			
Calling	g of the	General		
•	The expenditures	made on the America	an Revolution—along with the	
	huge sums the	spent to maintain his lavish li	ifestyle—worsened its already	
	precarious	situation, ar	nd by the late 1780s the	
	government lay close to bankru	uptcy.		

•	King Louis XVI's Finance Minister, Swiss	Jacques Necker, knew that
	the poor had already been taxed as much as possible and therefore	ore 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 nobles—wou	ald now have to pay
	Needless to say, neither of theses	upported this plan.
•	The aristocracy, who saw their exemption from taxation as a	
	refused to even discuss the issue.	
•	The Church, which had grown	on tithes and property holdings,
	also rejected the idea of having totaxes o	n its lands.
•	Since the First and Estates had	l 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	and usually 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.	
1.	In addition, since the first two	always voted together, if the
	Estate disagreed with them there w	as 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 about 600		
	·		
•	A controversy over voting arose almost immediately, as the Third Estate		
	that rather than having one vote per estate	e, each delegate be	
	given a		
•	This would have allowed the Third Estate the opportunity to gain a		
•	The king, however, this proposal.		
<u>Slide 13</u> -	- The National Assembly		
- The Th	nird Estate took action andits own gov	ernment	
	ne 17, 1789, the Assembly was formed		
•	After weeks of frustrating over voting, the r	epresentatives 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 them.	, and some members	
	of the and aristocracy did so.		
•	The National Assembly was by the influe	ential 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 l	National Assembly	by moving to	o a nearby tennis court,
wher	e they vowed not to leave until France	e had a	
This	"Tennis Court"	gained the Assembly popularity	among the working
class	and poor, and they even drew some o	f the more open-minded clergy a	and
	to th	eir side as well.	
• On Ju	une 27th, the reve	ersed his position and ordered the	e first two estates to
join t	he	_ Assembly.	Y
■ He al	so decided to call	troops into	to try to keep a
lid or	the volatile situation.	X	
Slide 16- Stor	rming of the Bastille		
Rioting in _	in early July		
Firing of			
July 14th: a	moband	takes the	
• When	n rumors spread that the	was amassing troops, i	rioting started in the
	of Paris.		
 On Ju 	uly 11th, Louis1	Necker, whose advocacy of easi	ng the tax burden on the
lowe	r classes had made him quite	amo	ong the Third Estate.
Mobs	s in Paris reacted by seizing	from one a	rmory and then
attacl	king the Bastille, a	and armory that was a prime	e symbol of royal
4-			
 After 	a furious battle between the	and the prison g	uards, the Bastille fell;
Frenc	ch	had refused to stop the attack	, a sign that Louis was
losin	g further		
■ After	the battle, the mob completely		_ the Bastille.
■ The f	fall of the Bastille became the main		of the revolution.
■ It also	o marked the end of the king's ability	to enforce his	

Slide 17- The Great Fear		
-	spreads	
Peasants	the countryside	
End of	privileges	
• The		quickly spread to the countryside.
 Peasants, armed wi 	th	and other rudimentary weapons,
overran estates and		houses and seized and destroyed records.
 To restore order, th 	e National Assembly	feudal privileges on
August 4th, thus m	aking all French citizens	equal in the eyes of the
Slide 18- The Declaration o	of the Rights of Man an	d Citizen
- Adopted by	Asse	embly on August 27th
- Enlightenment		
Outlined basic	held	by all
- Asserted the	of the p	eople
· "Liberté, Egalité,		" —
		laid out the ideals of the
	Re	volution, the Declaration of the
	of	_ and Citizen set forth the ideals of the French
Revolution.		
 Adopted by the nev 	v	National Assembly on August 27, 1789, the documen
embodied the Enlig	thtenment concepts of	of speech, freedom of
assembly, freedom	of religion, and freedom	from arbitrary arrest and imprisonment.
 The first three artic 	les read:	
• 1. Men are born an	d	free and equal in rights. Social distinctions may
	only up	

•	2. The aim of all	association	n is the preservation of the
	natural and imprescriptible rights of man. T	These rights are liberty,	property,
	, ar	nd resistance to oppress	sion.
	3. The principle of all sovereignty		essentially in the nation.
	No body nor individual may exercise any a	uthority which does no	t proceed
	from	the nation.	
	Article 5 proclaimed limits on		authority, stating that, "The law
	has only the right to forbid those actions that	at are detrimental to	
	Any	thing that is not forbide	den by law may not be
	prevented, and none may be compelled to d	lo what the	does not require."
•	Although the Declaration did not		a new constitution, it did create a
	new government with the	as a figurehea	d.
•	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: "Li	berté, Egalité, Fratern	ité"
	(", Equ	ality, Fraternity").	
Slide 19	2- The March of Women		
- Lower	still unsatisfied		
- Thous	ands of starving	and	march on Versailles
- Louis	forced to to Par	ris	
•	Though the lower classes undoubtedly ende	orsed the	expressed in the Declaration,
	the issuing of the	still did not sat	isfy them—largely because the
	king refused to accept either the		or the National
	Assembly's abolition of feudalism.		
•	Louis had consequently abandoned	and	I moved to the royal Palace of
	Versailles in order to avoid the turmoil in the	he	

•	Meanwhile by October, food	had become cr	ritical again.
	On October 5th, a starving crowd of	of women ma	arched on
	Versailles in order to get the king to	the National Assem	bly's measures.
•	By the time they reached the	palace, the march had bec	ome a mob.
	The National Guard attempted to maintain	, but the mob attack	cked the palace.
	Only when the king	to return to Paris was some semblance	of order
	restored.		7
	Once back in the	, the king and his family were essenti	ally imprisoned
	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 Ass	sembly decided
		and abolish monasteries	
•	The confiscated lands were used as collate	ral to back cui	rrency called
	assignats.		
•	The church were then s	old to bring in much-needed revenue; c	onsequently,
	many were shu	ut down.	
	The church was also	and reorganized under	a new "Civil
	Constitution of the	": bishops and priests would be popu	ılarly elected,
	paid by the state, and required to	an oath of allegiance to th	e constitution.
	The National Assembly's anti-Church	caused a rift in	French society
	and alienated a significant portion of the _	popula	tion, most of
	whom were devout	·	

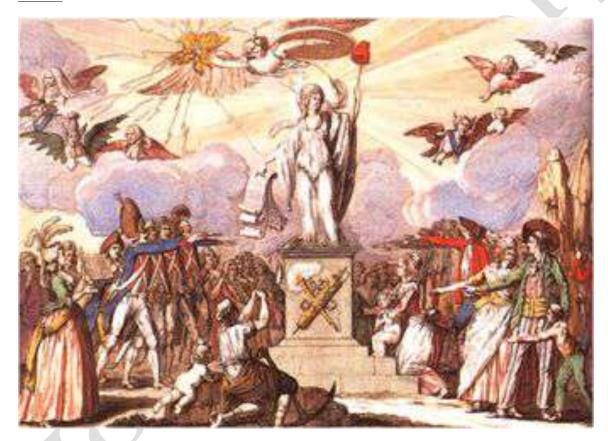
• From this time on, the	e peasants frequently	further
revolutionary change	S.	
Slide 21- Flight of the King		
-Émigrés		,
XV	/I and his family attempted to flee	
· They were	at Varennes	
• While the National A	assembly was busy restructuring the	Y
between the state and	I the, Louis XVI and his f	amily attempted to flee
France.		
 Many of the French n 	nobility had left the country since July	; some of these
émigrés (as they were	e known) had met with other	rulers and
sought aid to fight ag	ainst the revolution.	
• Louis, who had been	held in Paris sin	nce the mobs had forced him
to leave Versailles, do	ecided to try and join the émigrés.	
 He and his family we 	ere, however, at the cit	ty of Varennes, which lay
only miles from the _	border.	
• This	to escape further discredited Louis in	the eyes of the
	<u> </u>	
Slide 22- Reaction from Other	er Countries	
·	of Pillnitz	
- Possible	intervention	
Other European	viewed events in France	with dismay.
 They not only feared 	the possibility that the	in France
could undermine stab	pility in Europe as a whole, but that the	
	fervor there could p	possibly 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		
	circumstances—mainly to protect the French family.		
•	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.		
Slide 2.	3- New Constitution		
	monarchy		
	Assembly		
- Sans-			
	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 _____

War o	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 by the radicals to spread the revolution
	throughout	
•	The conflict became known as the War of the	Coalition, as Prussia joined
	against France.	Y
	The wartime atmosphere in France would even	ntually the
	Revolution and spill into the streets of Paris, w	hen mobs attacked the Royal
	again in August,	fearful 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 badly for Francisco	ce, the Convention
	decided to institute a draft called the levee en i	masse; it involved conscription of all able-bodied
	men between 18 and 25 into the	, which grew to 800,000 by 1794.
•	The <i>levee</i> represented the first mass	of soldiers on the European continent.
•	During 1793–94, France focused on	itself against invasion;
	in the following year, French	went on the offensive and occupied the Low
	Countries, the Rhineland, Switzerland, and par	ts of Spain.
•	The Treaties of Basil in 1795 ended the war w	ith Prussia and
•	In 1796, French armies—commanded by a you	ing officer named
	Bonaparte-	—invaded Italy, won a series of battles against
	Austrian troops, and occupied strategic areas.	
	The victories in forced	Austria to make peace with France, and the War of
	the First Coalition ended in 1797	

Slide 26- The Radicals Take Over

- Paris mob	Tuileries	
- Louis and family seek aid of		Assembly
- Arrested and		
 Meanwhile in August 179 	2, the Paris Commune (the governin	g body of the city of Paris) led an
angry, whic	ch had been controlled since Lafayett	te and the National Guard had fired
on them the	year, and attacke	d the royal family in the Tuileries,
killed all of the king's Sw	iss guards, and forced	to to seek refuge in the
Legislative Assembly.		
 He was taken prisoner, ho 	wever, and the Assembly	to depose him.
 King Louis XVI and his _ 	, Marie Antoi	nette, would never rule or see each
other again.		
■ The Legislative Assembly	called for a new	to a National
Convention to draft another	er new constitution for the French	
<u>Slide 27</u> - The National Conventio	n	
- First met on	21, 1792	
- Revolutionary		
- Monarchy	; France officially become	s a
- Factions: Jacobins vs.		
■ The National Convention	was the new	body that
replaced the National Asse	embly.	
■ The first act of this new go	overnment was to	remove the
King from the French gov	ernment.	
■ France was	a republic.	
■ The National Convention	also discarded the	Gregorian
calendar in favor of a Rev	colutionary Calendar: the year 1792 v	vas labeled as Year 1

•	Two main factions dominated the National		
•	Jacobin clubs were radical	groups that had sprung up	
	throughout France during the Revolution; initially, th	e had	
	total control of the National Convention.		
•	A split soon developed, however, between the Jacobi	ns and the Girondins, who	
	the provinces.		
•	The Girondins were soon expelled from the	because they	
	were too moderate.		
•	The most Jacobins v	vere called "The Mountain" because they sat	
	in the highest seats of the hall where the National Co.	nvention met.	
•	All three groups agreed that Louis had committed	, but only the	
	Mountain demanded his execution.		
Slide 28	- Leaders in the National Convention		
•	One of the most prominent Jacobin	was Jean-Paul Marat, who	
	had been an early advocate of abolishing the monarch	ny.	
•	He advocated the elimination of any of the "enemies	of the"	
	and thus supported the September 1792 massacres, in	which 1200 political	
	in the jails of	Paris were killed by Jacobin-supported mobs	
•	One of the most radical	of the National Convention, Marat	
	strongly condemned the Girondins for being too	; the	
	Girondins in turn saw him as an increasingly dangero	ous demagogue.	
	On July 13, 1793, Marat was	to death in his bathtub by Charlotte	
	Corday, a young Girondin.		
	Another important lea	ader was Georges Danton, a member of the	
	Commune of Paris who had helped		
	and the overthrow of the monarchy.		

•	In the new	, he became ministe	er of justice.
•		ention, he dominated the first Comm	ittee of Public
	- Robespierre	·	
- Radical	I	_	
- Most co	ontroversial	of the French	Y
•	It was a country lawyer named M	Maximilien Robespierre who would c	ome to
		much of the fanaticism of the F	
•	First as a member of the National	1	and then as the head of
	the infamous Committee of Publi	ic Safety, he sought to have all of the	e ideals of the Revolution
	enforced and, in doing so, perver	ted thes	o many had struggled to
	attain.	4/	
•	In his own words, "To establis	h and consolidate	, to
		titutional laws we must finish the wa	
	tyrannyWe must annihilate the		_ of the Republic at home
	and abroad or else we perish"		
<u>Slide 30</u> -	- The Guillotine		
- Dr. Jose	eph		
- Intende	ed as a more	method of execution	
- Thousa	nds guillotined during the	Revolution	
•	In October 1789, Dr. Joseph Guil	llotin proposed to the	Assembly
	that those condemned to	should be beheade	d rather than hung, burned, or
	drawn and quartered.		

•	He argued that beheading was not only	ly a	and more humane way to
	die, but that adopting a uniform method	od of execution would	also be more
	In 1791, the Assembly consented and	—. I made the guillotine th	ne
	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 ga	thered to watch the new
	in a	action disliked it becau	use death 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, o	ver 1200 people were	
	during a 13-month period (May 1793	to June 1794).	
Slide 3	<u>1</u> - Execution of the King	4/>	
- On Ja	nuary 17, 1793, Louis XVI was		of treason
- He we	ent to the	four days late	r on January 21,
	The	convinced the Nation	nal Convention to charge Louis XVI
	with treason for conspiring with Aust	ria and Prussia against	France.
•	He was found	and sentenced	to death.
	He was	·	
Slide 3.	2- The Committee of Public Safety		
- Creat	ted to cease an	rebellion in	1793
- Given	1	_ power	
-	France for ne	early a	
	After the	of the king, the	e National Convention declared war or
	Britain and Holland, who had joined	the First Coalition aga	inst France (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 N	National Convention created a
	Committee of Public Safety, which was given broad powers in	to cease
	the uprising.	
•	Initially headed by, the Committee	eee ended up ruling with almost
	dictatorial for about a year.	Y
•	This development ultimately fa	tal for the Revolution.
•	The of the Committee of Public	c Safety seemed mundane enough at
	first.	
•	The Committee was charged with the of of	drafting conscriptees into the
	French army via the levee en masse.	
•	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 com	mittee into an instrument by which
	he could rid himself of and enemie	S.
•	He used the power of the Committee to more or less	control of the
	National Convention, which he then induced to give the comm	ittee even more
1	By this point, the Committee was	a dictatorship.
Slide 3	33- The Reign of Terror	
- July	1793 1794	

- Execu	itions		
- Death	of		
•	Robespierre and the	of Public Safety	held power from
	July 1793 to July 1794, a period that has com	e to be known as the "Reign of	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
•	This period included a	of purges that took place in	which nearly
	40,000 people Robespierre labeled as "enemi	es" of the	7
		went to the guillotine.	
•	The Reign of Terror spared no one: nobles, _	, and n	nembers of the
	Third Estate all were killed.		
•	Among the famous	executed during this period were	Danton,
	members of the National Convention who op	posed Robespierre, and Queen	
	Antoinette.		
•	Finally in July 1794, some	of the National Convention	, fearing for their
	own safety, had Robespierre and his follower	'S	and sent
	to the guillotine.		
•	The of Terror ha	d ended.	
Slide 34	<u>4</u> - The Thermidorean Reaction		
- Robes	spierre on 9 T	hermidor	
- Comn	nittee of Public Safety		
	clubs disbanded		
- New c	constitution in	August 1795	
- Execu	tive known as the		
•	The overthrow of Robespierre and the Comn	uittee of	Safety became
	known as the Thermidorean Reaction because	e it took place on the date of 9	

_____ on the Revolutionary Calendar.

•	The Committee of Public Safe	ety was	and so were all the
	Jacobin clubs.		
•	Some churches reopened, man	ny political prisoners wer	e, and
	émigrés began returning.		
•	In order to prevent any officia	ll group from	and taking over
	the national government the v	vay the Committee of Pub	olic Safety had, another new constitution
	was adopted in	1795.	Y
•	It created a two-house parlian	nent which	an executive
	Directory of five men.		
•	Although supposedly		, the new constitution only gave the right
	to vote to about 20,000 men-	-mostly from the	middle class.
Slide 3	<u>5</u> - The Directory		
- Prom	oted	class interests	
- Finan	ncial		
	shortages		
	in Paris		
- Rise o	of		
	The Directory's tenure was _	,	by scandal, financial troubles, and
	political strife.		
•	It promoted middle class		, which irritated the working poor.
	Combined with runaway		and food shortages, the people of
	Paris	once again.	
	The Directory had to call in the	ne	_ to put down the
	One such riot in 1795 was end	ded by the	of the army under the
	leadership of Napoleon Bona	oarte.	

As a reward for his actions, Napoleon was given of French forces fighting the Austrians in Italy. Slide 36- Napoleon Bonaparte - Popularity after victories over the - Conflict with - Coup d'etat - The Napoleon's victories over the Austrians in Italy an end to the war and allowed France to gain extremely favorable terms in the subsequent treaty. Napoleon's achievements made him a national He next received command of an army _____ to invade England. might not be the best strategic move Napoleon, however, felt an and decided instead to strike at colonial possessions and attempt to take Egypt. French moved in and assumed control of the country; however, the British navy under Admiral Horatio Nelson ______ the French fleet at Abukir Bay in 1799, leaving Napoleon stranded in Egypt. Meanwhile back in France, the ______ was becoming more and more unpopular because of widespread corruption and its inability 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 army in France, he executed a successful *coup d'état* and overthrew the Directory.

•	The French	was ov	er.	
•	A new government called the		was put into place.	
•	The Consulate was in theory a republican form of			
	headed by three consuls, of which Napo	oleon was first o	consul.	
•	He quickly took complete		_ of the entire government.	
•	In 1802, Napoleon was made		for life.	
<u>Slide 3</u>	7- Napoleon Becomes Emperor		Y	
- 1804:	Napoleonhimse	elf		
•	In a lavish ceremony in	, Bonaparte c	rowned	
	Emperor Napoleon I.			
•	The great revolutionary	and goa	ls of the old Republic disappeared into the	
	imperial government of a	Cors	ican general who had assumed	
	por	wer.		
•	The French Revolution had come full _		: a country that had deposed a	
	king had	an empe	ror.	
Slide 3	8- Legacies of the French Revolution			
- End o	of			
- Powe	r ofended			
- Peasa	ints became			
		ideals		
•	As is the case with all		_ events, 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 landowning	<u> </u>
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 the of	was an outstanding example of
the expression of Enlightenment ideals concerning	ng freedom,, and
rights.	
These ideals, along with the	of equality before the law, would provide the
basis for reform movements and new political ph	nilosophies in the century.



