

French Revolution Study Guide

1. What were the characteristics of peasant life in the 18th century?
2. What were the characteristics of noble life in the 18th century?
3. What were the characteristics of city life in the 18th century?
4. What changes occurred in population and why did they occur?
5. How did warfare change at the beginning of the 18th century?
6. What was the nature of family life in the 18th century?
7. How is the term Enlightened Absolutism both accurate and inaccurate for 18th century monarchs?
8. How did government change in Great Britain during the 18th century?
9. How did Frederick William I and Frederick the Great strengthen Prussia?
10. What was the war of Austrian Succession and why is it important?
11. What was the Seven Years war and why was it important?
12. Who is Catherine the Great and why is she significant to history?
13. Why and how did Poland disappear from the map of Europe?
14. How would you characterize the reigns of Louis XV and Louis XVI?
15. What influence did the American Revolution have on France?
16. What were the Estates General and how were the estates different from each other?
17. Why did Louis XVI call the Estates General and what happened when he did?
18. What was the storming of the Bastille and why is it significant?
19. What is the Declaration of the Rights of Man and why is it significant?
20. What was the political spectrum of France during the French Revolution?
21. What happens in France during the war of the First Coalition?
22. Who is Maximilien Robespierre and why is he significant?
23. What made Napoleon such a successful military commander?
24. How does Napoleon come to power in France? What positions does he hold?
25. What were the Napoleonic reforms and why are they significant?
26. Briefly trace the battles of the Third Coalition and why they are significant?
27. What was the Continental System and why is it important?
28. Why does Napoleon invade Russia and what are the consequences of that invasion?
29. How is Napoleon finally removed from power?