

Aim: What happened in the beginning of the French Revolution?

I. The Revolution Begins

1. May 1789, Louis calls the estates general, French Assembly
2. Not convened for 175 years
3. Third estate wants reform
4. Always outvoted 2:1
5. June 17th 1789 the National Assembly was created
6. Louis XVI locked them out of meeting hall
7. Make the Tennis Court Oath
8. Pledge to write a new constitution
9. July 14th 1789 Storming of Bastille

II. National Assembly

1. 1789 sign the Declaration of the Rights of Man (similar to Dec. of Indep.)
2. Guarantees Liberty, fraternity, Equality
3. 1790 abolished taxes, church privileges, Church gov't control
4. 1791 Constitution: limited Monarchy, constitutional gov't
5. Louis XVI fled
6. 1793 Louis XVI executed for treason
7. National convention had three sides
8. Moderates, conservatives and radicals
9. Moderates wanted minor changes
10. Conservatives upheld the monarchy, wanted few changes
11. Radicals: opposed the monarchy, wanted many changes
12. National convention taken over by radicals

III Reign of Terror

1. France becomes a republic in 1793
2. Led by radical group called Jacobins
3. Led by Maximilien Robespierre
4. Constitution thrown out
5. Committee of public safety had free reign to enforce terror
6. Led by Georges Danton
7. Beheaded over 40,000 people with the Guillotine
8. Killed all anti-revolutionaries
9. Danton: executed. Said "make sure to show my head to the people, its worth having a look at."
10. 1795 Robespierre was also executed the last death of the reign of terror
11. 1795 new constitution
12. Gov't went back to the public
13. Moderate control
14. Thermidorian reaction: created a 5 man Directory

"Terror is nothing other than justice; prompt, severe, inflexible" Robespierre