

## Chapter 9 Section 1 Notes

### The French Revolution Begins

#### I. Causes of the French Revolution

- A. The French Revolution has often been seen as a major turning point in European history.
- B. The long-range causes of the French \_\_\_\_\_ are to be found in the condition of French \_\_\_\_\_.
1. France's population was divided into three orders, or \_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. The First Estate was the \_\_\_\_\_.
      - i. Numbered about \_\_\_\_\_ (out of a total population of 27 million).
      - ii. Owned about \_\_\_\_ percent of the land.
    - b. The Second Estate was the \_\_\_\_\_.
      - i. Numbered about \_\_\_\_\_.
      - ii. Owned about 25 to 30 percent of the \_\_\_\_\_.
      - iii. Held leading positions in the \_\_\_\_\_ and military.
      - iv. The clergy or nobles did not have to pay the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ or commoners.
      - i. 98 percent of the \_\_\_\_\_.
      - ii. owned about \_\_\_\_ percent of the land.
      - iii. Paid \_\_\_\_\_ of the taille.
- C. Peasants owed certain duties to the nobles (Relics of \_\_\_\_\_ or aristocratic privileges).
1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mill.
  2. Community \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. The \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_, was another part of the Third Estate.
1. The bourgeoisie included merchants, bankers, and industrialists, as well as \_\_\_\_\_ people—lawyers, holders of public offices, doctors, and writers.
  2. Some bourgeoisie had managed to become \_\_\_\_\_ by taking public offices.
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ new nobles were created.
- E. The \_\_\_\_\_ cause of the revolution was the near collapse of the French \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Although the economy had been expanding for \_\_\_\_ years, there were \_\_\_\_\_ crises.
  2. Bad \_\_\_\_\_ in 1787 and 1788 and a slowdown in manufacturing led to food \_\_\_\_\_, rising prices for food, and unemployment.
- F. Despite these problems, the French king and his ministers continued to spend \_\_\_\_\_ sums of money on wars and court \_\_\_\_\_.
1. The queen, Marie \_\_\_\_\_, was especially known for her extravagance.
- G. With France on the verge of financial collapse, Louis \_\_\_\_\_ was forced to call a meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_.
1. French parliament that had not met since \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. The National Assembly

- A. Louis XVI called a meeting of the Estates-General at \_\_\_\_\_ on May 5, 1789.
1. In the Estates-General,
    - a. the First and Second Estates each had about \_\_\_\_\_ representatives.
    - b. The Third Estate had almost 600 \_\_\_\_\_.
      - i. Most of the Third Estate wanted to set up a \_\_\_\_\_ government that would make the clergy and nobility pay taxes, too.
    - c. Traditionally, each estate had \_\_\_\_\_ vote.
      - i. The First and Second Estates could \_\_\_\_\_ the Third Estate two to one.
    - d. The Third Estate demanded instead that \_\_\_\_\_ have one vote.
      - i. The king, however, stated that he \_\_\_\_\_ the current system.
- B. On June 17, 1789, the Third Estate boldly declared that it was the \_\_\_\_\_ and would draft a \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Three days later, its deputies arrived at their meeting place, only to find the \_\_\_\_\_ had been \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. They then moved to a nearby indoor \_\_\_\_\_ and swore the Tennis Court \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. On July 14, 1789, about 900 \_\_\_\_\_ gathered in the courtyard of the \_\_\_\_\_.
1. They stormed the Bastille, and after \_\_\_\_\_ hours of fighting, the prison warden \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. The rebels cut off the warden's head and \_\_\_\_\_ the Bastille brick by brick.
- D. Peasant rebellions became part of the vast panic known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Rumors spread from village to village that \_\_\_\_\_ were on the way to put down the revolution.

### III. End of the Old Regime

- A. The National Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Inspired by the American Declaration of Independence and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. This charter provided basic liberties of " \_\_\_\_\_, property, \_\_\_\_\_, and resistance to oppression."
- B. The declaration proclaimed that \_\_\_\_\_ were free and equal before the law, and that no group should be exempt from \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Freedom of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ were affirmed.
- C. The declaration raised an important issue. Should equal rights include \_\_\_\_\_?
1. Many deputies agreed, provided that, as one man said, "women do not [hope] to exercise \_\_\_\_\_ rights and functions."
- a. One writer, Olympe de \_\_\_\_\_, refused to accept this exclusion of women.
- b. She wrote the Declaration of the Rights of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Female \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Louis XVI remained quiet at \_\_\_\_\_.
1. He refused to accept the National Assembly's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Parisian women armed with \_\_\_\_\_, pitchforks, \_\_\_\_\_, and other weapons marched to Versailles.
- a. These women forced \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the new decrees.
- E. The crowd insisted that the royal family return to Paris.
1. They carried \_\_\_\_\_ from the palace.
- F. Under the old regime, the Catholic Church had been an important \_\_\_\_\_ of the old order.
1. The government seized and sold off \_\_\_\_\_ lands and increased the state's revenues.
- G. The Constitution of \_\_\_\_\_ set up a \_\_\_\_\_ monarchy.
1. \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly would make the laws.
- H. European leaders began to fear that revolution would \_\_\_\_\_ to their countries.
1. Austria and Prussia even threatened to use force to restore Louis \_\_\_\_\_ to full power.
- a. The Legislative Assembly declared war on \_\_\_\_\_.
- I. Paris radicals again decided the fate of the revolution.
1. They declared themselves a \_\_\_\_\_—a popularly run city council—and attacked the royal palace and Legislative Assembly.
- J. The French Revolution was entering a more \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ stage.
1. Members of the new Paris Commune took the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They forced the Legislative Assembly to suspend the \_\_\_\_\_ and to call for a \_\_\_\_\_.
- K. Members of the Paris Commune proudly called themselves \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Sans-culottes are depicted as poor workers, but many were merchants or artisans—the \_\_\_\_\_ of their neighborhoods.