Causes of the French Revolution {A Description of the **Old Regime**}

*French Revolution occurs in one of the most advanced countries of the day*

*~Unlike the Chinese or the Russian revolution*

*~France was the center of the intellectual movement aka The Enlightenment*

* **Cause 1: The Estates System**
  + First Estate – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Second Estate – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Third Estate – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Estates General** – Countrywide parliament – has never met during the time of Louis XIV ( \_\_\_\_\_\_)

* Not very socially important
* What does the estates general show?

The First Estate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Second Estate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Third Estate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* **Cause 2: National Consciousness**
* **Cause 3: Growing Public Opinion**
  + **Enlightenment:**
  + **Scandals, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Did the Enlightenment directly lead to the Revolution?*

* **Cause 4: The Financial Crisis: To Be Continued… Section 42**