

## *The French Revolution*

As you view the documentary, record your answers to the following questions.

- 1) What were the primary causes of the French Revolution?
- 2) Why was the wedding of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI politically significant? What was the reputation of Louis XVI when he became king?
- 3) How was French society divided? Which social groups comprised each of France's three estates? What basic rights or privileges were granted to each estate under the rule of the French monarchy?
- 4) Who were some of the key thinkers and philosophers of the Age of Enlightenment? What were the most important ideas to emerge from the Enlightenment?
- 5) How was the French Revolution a product of the Enlightenment?
- 6) What was the National Assembly and why was it formed? What was the Tennis Court Oath and what pledge did its authors make?
- 7) What was the "storming of the Bastille" and why was it significant?
- 8) What was the importance of The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen?
- 9) What role did Jean-Paul Marat play in the French Revolution?
- 10) What was the significance of the guillotine and why did it become a symbol of the French Revolution?
- 11) What were some of the key philosophies of Maximilien Robespierre and how did his ideas change over time?
- 12) What was the "Reign of Terror" and why was it significant within the context of the French Revolution?
- 13) When and why did Napoleon Bonaparte emerge as a leader in France?
- 14) What were the most important events in the French Revolution and when did they occur?
- 15) Why do historians consider the French Revolution to be a major turning point in world history? What were the results of the French Revolution?

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