Note Outline on the second phase of the French Revolution

Be sure to mark the dates of events

1) What was the reason for the September massacres in 1792? How did this reflect the next phase of the French Revolution?

2) When, how and why was the monarchy abolished?

3) Explain the political views of the Jacobins and the Girondists? Where did they sit in the National Convention? What was the “Mountain”?

4) Why did the National Convention vote for the execution of Louis Capet (formerly Louis XVI)? When was he executed? Why was the guillotine used for this and other executions?

5) Who was Maximilien Robespierre? What role did he play in the Committee of Public Safety? Why is this period of the French Revolution known as “The Reign of Terror”?

6) Which actions did the Committee of Public Safety take to address France’s economic problems and the threats of domestic and foreign enemies?

7) Who was Jean-Paul Marat? Why did Charlotte Corday assassinate him? How did this affect the course of the French Revolution?

8) When and why was Marie Antoinette executed?
9) What was the Cult of Reason and the revolutionary calendar? Why were these adopted by the Committee of Public Safety? Do you think these were popular in the countryside? Explain.

10) How did the Revolution “devour its young”? Why were members of the “sans culottes” and members of radical political parties most likely to be executed?

11) Which month was the Thermidor in the revolutionary calendar? What event in that month of 1794 marked the end of the Reign of Terror?

12) What do we call the government that followed the end of “The Reign of Terror”? How was it different from the Committee of Public Safety?

Mark letters on the following timeline that show the correct sequence of the following events:

1792-1794
  a) Robespierre is executed
  b) Committee of Public Safety is formed
  c) The monarchy is abolished
  d) Marie Antoinette is executed
  e) Jean Paul Marat is assassinated
  f) The Cult of Reason and revolutionary calendar are proclaimed
  g) Louis XVI is executed
  h) The September Massacres take place in Paris

1792

1793

1794