

Events of the Revolution: Guided Notes

The Tennis Court Oath

Why did the Third Estate storm out of the Estates General?

What was the “Tennis Court Oath”?

The Fall of the Bastille

Why did the people of Paris attack the Bastille?

Who led them? What did he say?

The New Constitution

What decisions did the National assembly reach on each of these issues?

1. How often should the assembly be elected?
2. Who should be allowed to stand for election to the Assembly?
3. Should the King still be allowed to veto (block) any of our reforms?
4. Should the Tax system be changed?
5. Should the Church be allowed to raise taxes and own land?

The King's Reaction: (a) The Cap of Liberty

What was the “Cap of Liberty”? What did Louis do with it?

The King's Reaction: (b) The Flight to Varennes

Why did the King decide to make a run for it?

What happened?

Ordinary people turn against the King: The "September Massacres"

What were the "September Massacres"?

How did other European countries react to the "September Massacres"?

(b) The New Parliament (Trial, execution)

React following the attempt of the King to escape from France?

Parliament turns against the King: The Convention

What did the Convention decide to do about

(a) The monarchy in general?

(b) Louis in particular?

Extension Question

In your view, what was the single most important factor which made the French Revolution happen? Explain your answer carefully.