

The causes of the French Revolution

Fill in the gaps on this sheet using the words at the bottom of the page.

HINT: The dashes in each space tell you how many letters you need to use.

There was a revolution in _____ in 1789. The ruler of France before the Revolution was King _____ XVI. His wife was Queen _____. King Louis XVI lived in his palace at _____ near Paris.

One of the reasons why there was a revolution in France in 1789 is that the king ran out of _____. He spent lots of money on two wars with _____. One was in 1756 and another one was in 1778. In the second war the French were helping the _____ break away from British control.

Another cause of the French Revolution was the problems faced by the _____. They were so poor that they did not have enough money to feed their families. This was made worse when the crops failed to grow. The _____ failed in 1787 and 1788.

Another cause of the French Revolution was that the two _____ groups in France would not give the king more money. The _____ and the _____ had lots of land and money but would not pay more _____. This left the king unable to find more money.

A final reason why the French had a revolution in 1789 was ideas. A new set of ideas called the _____ attacked the power of the king and the church. These made lots of ordinary French people think that they should have some of the power of the _____.



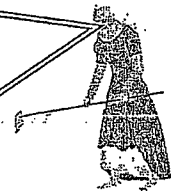
I am a lord. I have lots of money and do not want to pay any extra taxes to the king!



I am a bishop of the church. I have lots of money but I do not want to give the king any extra taxes either!

taxes
peasants
Americans
Louis
Marie Antoinette
government
Enlightenment
Britain
lords
France
rich
church
Versailles
harvest
money

I am a peasant. I have nothing. When the crops fail to grow the prices rise and I starve.



I am King Louis XVI. I have run out of money fighting the British. Perhaps the lords and the church could give me some more taxes?



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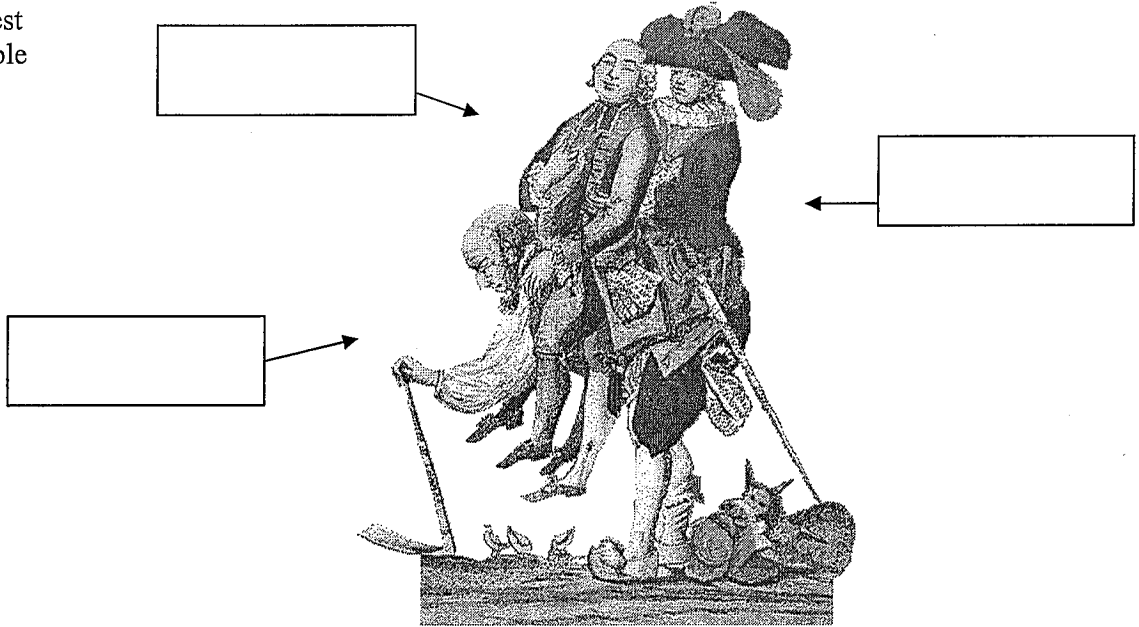
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This cartoon was produced in the 1780s and is a comment on the social situation in France at that time. It can be used to help explain the causes of the French Revolution of 1789.

You have two tasks for this piece of homework. You should use your knowledge and evidence from your lessons on the causes of the French Revolution to help you complete the tasks.

1. Label the three figures in the cartoon by writing in the spaces provided:

- Peasant
- Priest
- Noble



2. Use your own knowledge to explain how the cartoon can be used to describe the causes of the French Revolution.

[Large empty box for writing the answer to question 2]