

# SILENT Bell Work

1. Think of your assigned estate from our block day, what was one of the goals from your estate? Was this goal achieved?

2. What was the end results of the Estates General?



# Schedule

- Objective: I can describe why the French Revolution took place
- Storming of the Bastille
- The French Revolution

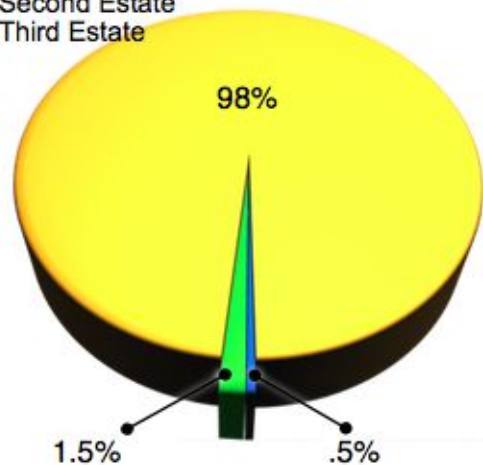


# THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

De-brief from  
yesterday

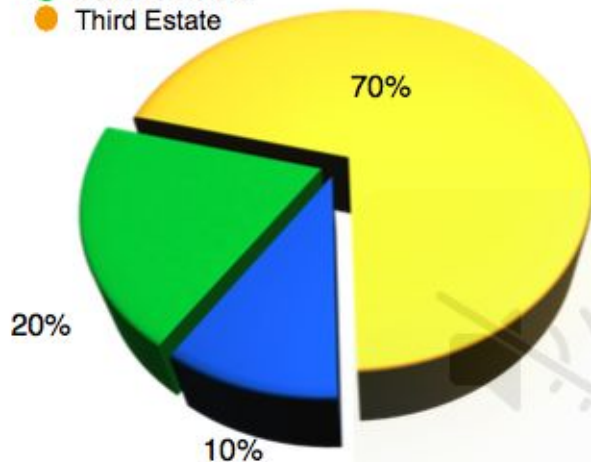
### Percentage of Population by Estate

- First Estate
- Second Estate
- Third Estate

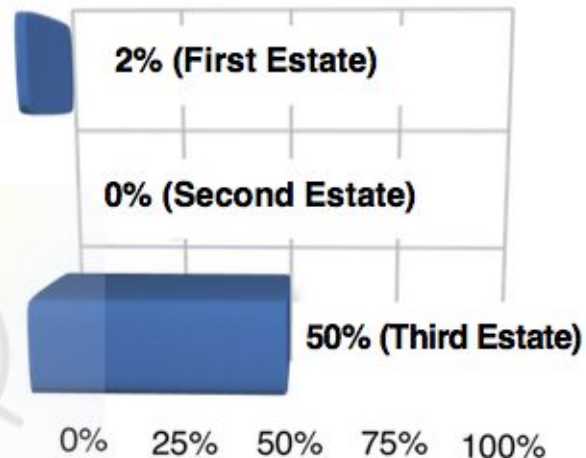


### Percentage of Land Ownership by Estate

- First Estate
- Second Estate
- Third Estate

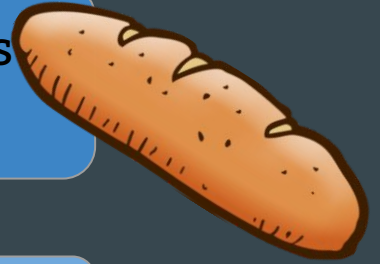


### Percentage of Income Paid in Taxes





France's economic crisis worsened, bread riots spread, and nobles denounced royal tyranny.



Louis XVI summoned the Estates General.

The Third Estate declared themselves to be the ***National Assembly*** and invited delegates from the other two estates to help them write a constitution.



When reform-minded clergy and nobles joined the Assembly, Louis grudgingly accepted it.

# Causes of the Revolution

- Long-standing resentments against the monarchy
- Inequalities in society
  - Existing social and political structure
  - Called the Old Order, or ancient régime
- King at the top and estates under him
  - King Louis XVI, shy and indecisive
  - Unpopular, self-indulgent queen, Marie-Antoinette
  - Rest of French society divided into three classes, called estates



# What led to the storming of the Bastille, and therefore, to the start of the French Revolution?

- A volatile atmosphere in France resulted from a widespread famine and the influence of reformers inspired by Enlightenment ideas.

The situation exploded on July 14, 1789.





# Storming of the Bastille

On July 14, 1789, more than 800 Parisians gathered outside the Bastille, a medieval fortress used as a prison.

- They demanded weapons they believed to be stored there.



# Storming of the Bastille

- Louis XVI stationed an army in Paris
- Rumors flew that the troops were going to massacre the citizens
- July 14- a mob tried to get weapons/gunpowder from the Bastille (a Paris prison)
  - Freed a few prisoners, killed the guards
  - Symbolic act of revolution!
  - July 14- French equivalent to our July 4



# July 14, 1789 Storming of the Bastille

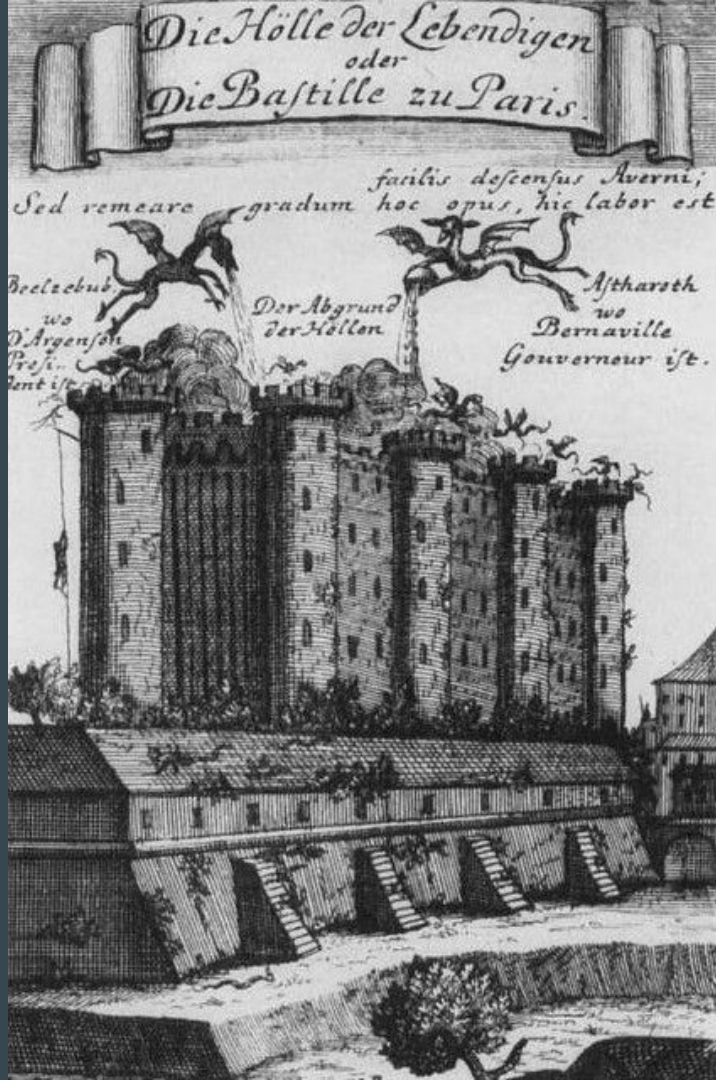
Many consider this event, now commemorated in France as a national holiday, as the start of the French Revolution







Arrest of de  
Launay  
(Governor of  
the Bastille),  
by  
Jean-Baptiste  
Lallemand,  
1790



A German  
image from  
the 1700s,  
depicting the  
Bastille as a  
“living hell”



# Horrible Histories - Storming of the Bastille



<https://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/French-Revolution-Storming-the-Bastille>

“Nothing is more terrible than the events at Paris between 12th and 15th July... cannon and armed force used against the Bastille... the Estates declaring the King’s ministers and the civil and military authorities to be responsible to the nation; and the King going on foot, without escort, to the Assembly, almost to apologise... this is how weakness, uncertainty and an imprudent violence will overturn the throne of Louis XVI.”

King Gustav of Sweden,  
1789

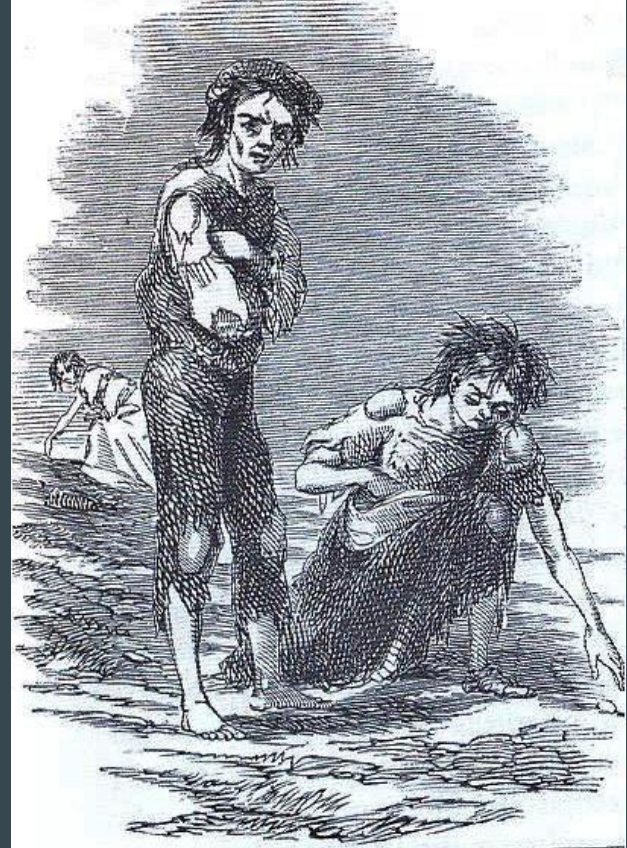
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1789-Political crisis &  
worst famine in history

- Starving peasants roamed the countryside
- No money for food



# Popular Revolts

- Radical group called the *Paris Commune* replaced the royal government of Paris
  - In the countryside, peasants attacked the homes of nobles







# han·gry

*(han-gree) adj.*

a state of anger caused by  
lack of food; hunger causing  
a negative change in  
emotional state.

**aka RPHS students with 3rd shift  
lunch**

## Oct. 1789- Parisian women rioted over the high cost of bread

- Approx. 6,000 women (and some men joined)
- Took approx. 6 hours to walk from Paris to Versailles
- Marched on Versailles & forced Louis XVI and his family to go to Paris

• During their stay in Paris, the King and his family tried to escape (disguised as peasants), but they were caught & brought back to Paris



## March on Versailles

“The old world must come to an **end!**  
We want to be *free!* And France has not  
risen up alone. The civilized world have  
their eyes on Paris. They are waiting to  
free themselves in their turn.”

Group of Parisian  
Women, 1789

What events led  
to the start of the  
French  
Revolution?

# French Revolution Readings

- Go to Google Classroom and open the “The French Revolution Begins” assignment
- This is a reading from the online textbook
- If you do not have your chromebook to go page 190 in the textbook



# The French Revolution Documentary

