

Great Revolutions

French Revolution Timeline:

- 1763** – Defeat in 7-Years War – Loss of Colonies in America and India
- 1774** – Ascension of Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette – Turgot appointed
- 1777** – Support of American Revolutionaries against Great Britain
- 1788** – Government default on Loans; Worst crop failure in Century
- 1789** – May 5 – Estates General meets for first time in 175 years
 - June 17 – Tennis Court Oath - Formation of National Assembly
 - July 14 – Storming of the Bastille by *Sans-Culottes* - The Great Fear
 - August 4 – Renunciation of Noble privileges and Clergy exemptions
 - August 25 – Assembly adopts *Declaration of the Rights of Man*
- 1790** – Civil Constitution of Clergy – Nationalization of Church Lands
- 1791** – Constitutional Monarchy - flight of Louis XVI; New Calendar
- 1792** – Massacre of noble prisoners; Property of emigrées confiscated
- 1793** – Execution of Louis XVI; Committee of Public Safety begins Terror
- 1794** – Cult of the Supreme Being; Thermidorian Reaction - Coup d'État
- 1795** – August – Council of 500 establishes 5-man Directory system;
 - October – Attempted Royalist revolt suppressed by Napoleon
- 1799** – Napoleon becomes First Consul after Coup of 18th Brumaire
- 1804** – Napoleon crowned as Emperor; institutes the Napoleonic Code

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Enlightenment - Political Agenda

Traditional

Enlightened

Divine Right of Kings

Social Contract

Rousseau

Aristocratic Privilege

Rights of Man

Thomas Paine

Absolute Monarchy

Mixed Government

John Locke

Autocracy

Majority Rule

Rule by Force

Rule of Law

Montesquieu

Venality of Office

Civil Service

State Censorship

Freedom of the Press

Religious Uniformity

Religious Toleration

Voltaire

Church/State Partnership

Separation of Church & State

Aristocracy - Breeding

Meritocracy - Ability

La Marseillaise

Allons enfants de la Patrie

Arise children of the fatherland

Le jour de gloire est arrivé!

The day of glory has arrived

Contre nous de la tyrannie

Against us tyranny's

L'étendard sanglant est levé

Bloody standard is raised

Entendez-vous dans nos

Listen to the sound in the fields

campagnes

The howling of these fearsome

Mugir ces féroces soldats?

soldiers

Ils viennent jusque dans vos

They are coming into our midst

bras.

To cut the throats of your sons

Égorger vos fils, vos compagnes!

and comrades

Aux armes citoyens

To arms, citizens

Formez vos bataillons

Form your battalions

Marchons, marchons

March, march

Qu'un sang impur

Let their impure blood

Abreuve nos sillons

Water our fields