

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION



Detail From *Triumph of Marat*, Boilly, 1794 (Musee des Beaux-Arts)

THE THREE ESTATES

- Before the revolution the French people were divided into three groups:
 - The first estate: the clergy
 - The second estate: the nobility
 - The third estate: the common people (bourgeoisie, urban workers, and peasants).
- Legally the first two estates enjoyed many privileges, particularly exemption from most taxation.



The First Estate was of Catholic Church officials- ~CLERGY~



THE NOBILITY....



With the exception of a few liberals, the nobility wanted greater political influence for themselves but nothing for the third estate.



THE THIRD ESTATE



This cartoon from the era of the French Revolution depicts the third estate as a person in chains, who supports the clergy and nobility on his back.



TAX PAYERS !!



- The Third Estate bore the entire tax burden .
- * **Tithe**- 1/10th of the agricultural produce &
- * **Taille**- Tax paid to the state.
- Clergy and Nobility enjoyed at their cost.



History Ch. 1 _ The French Revolution

- 1.What was the economic condition of France before the French Revolution ?
 - 2.How was French society divided before the French Revolution ?
 - 3.Louis XVI belonged to which dynasty ?
 4. Which group or estate paid taxes ? What type of taxes were paid by them ?
 - 5.What was Estates General ?
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