

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_.



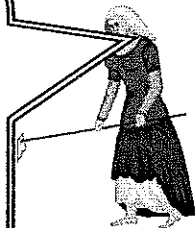
I am a lord. I have lots of money and do not want to pay any extra taxes to the king!



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?

