Now, here's a little story about the people of France

Late 1700’s they were struggling with finance

King spent too much, estates system was poor

Helping colonists overseas was a lot to endure

Louis XVI needed to tax from within

Estates General was supposed to help $ roll in

Clergy and Nobility the top two estates

Decided they won’t pay...let the 3rd pay the rates!

So the bottom group known as the bourgeoisie

Met to write a Constitution at the National Assembly

Kicked out of the meeting so to be a good sport

Swore an Oath after meeting on a Tennis Court

Wrote the Declaration of the Rights of Man

Which stated their rights in the best way they can

King was irate ...George would know how he would feel

People need protection so they stormed the Bastille

During the Reign of Terror, 40,000 lost their head

Robespierre, the Incorruptible, saw them dead

In came Napoleon, little dude with a ‘tude

Used a coup d’état to take over this feud

Introduced improvements with his own Code

Prosperity for the people til he saw it explode

Named himself Emperor to showcase his size

Conquering the world was the goal in his eyes

Enlightenment ideas ‘bout inequality

Inspiration from the colonists ideology

Food shortages, power trips & financial ruin

Causes of the French Revolution

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1. What was the estates system?

2. Explain WHO the colonists were in this line.

3. Why would the top 2 estates NOT pay taxes?

4. Who were the bourgeoisie?

5. Explain the National Assembly.

6. What was the “Oath” called?

7. Explain the Declaration of the Rights of Man.

8. Who would “George” be?

9. What is the Bastille?

10. Why would the people “storm” it?

11. What was the Reign of Terror?

12. What is a “coup d état”?

13. What did Napoleon do to help the people?

14. Was he elected emperor?

15. What was his ultimate goal?

Name three (3) major issues for people concerning France at the time.

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ENLIGHTENMENT

Liked direct democracy & felt they should
Rosseau believed in freedom and the common good
Create a gov’t. with freedoms to avoid mayhem
Said people were good but power corrupts them
Another dude, Beccaria, was all about justice
Wanted fair & speedy trials.....you can trust this
Said capital punishment needed to be abolished
Abuses were so bad even the King would be astonished

This philosophe, Montequieu’s his name
Said separation of powers was the name of the game
3 branches with checks to make it official
Called Legislative, Executive and Judicial

Life, liberty and property said the man called Locke
Said absolute power was an absolute crock
Natural rights would have it all covered

Power comes from the people, the consent of the governed

Don’t forget about man named Voltaire
Argued universal freedoms would make life fair
Jailed for his ideas but fought oppression & prejudice
May not like your idea, but fight to let you say this

Last philosophe and he had it all wrong
Said absolute monarchy would keep the place strong
Hobbes liked King’s power... what he backed
People gave up power with a social contract

Enlightenment era, A.K.A. the Age of Reason
Saw thinkers in Europe face threats and high treason

Divine Right, King’s power comes from God

Seriously? That’s odd!

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Thinking Essay:

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