Chapter 12
The French Revolution

People
Louis XVI
Abbé Emmanuel Joseph Sieyès
Count de Clermont Tonnerre
Edmund Burke
Thomas Paine
Olympe de Gouges
Mary Wollstonecraft
Jean Paul Marat
Charlotte Corday
Maximilien Robespierre

Terms
cahiers
bourgeois
Bastille
sans culottes
the Terror
levée en masse
tricolour
citoyen
guillotine
the “Marseillaise”

Knowledge/Understanding Questions

1. Identify the three factors given as background causes of the French Revolution.

2. Describe the important events that took place from May to July of 1789.

3. Identify the major document produced in the Revolution, and its historically significant concepts.

4. Why can it be said that, “the record of the French Revolution on the question of rights can be seen as mixed”?

5. Describe responses of the king, clergy, and nobility to the Revolution.

6. Identify the two most important political groups that appeared in the new Legislative Assembly, and the reason they brought about a “second revolution.”

7. Describe how the Jacobins came to power, and the way they governed.

8. Contrast the two views on Robespierre’s controversial leadership.

9. Why was the Directory’s hold on power so fragile, and how did it manage to maintain control in France?

10. What is the evidence given in support of the statement that, “in ten years France did away with a thousand years of history”?

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