

# French Revolution Timeline

**1661 --> Louis XIV** spends \$100 million to build palace at Versailles

**1715 -->** Louis XIV dies leaving **France in debt**

**1750s --> Enlightenment** or Age of Reason reaches its height

**1770 --> Louis XVI** marries Austrian **Marie Antoinette**

**1774 -->** Louis XV dies also leaving France in debt from wars fought during his reign; **Louis XVI** takes over.

**People of France are poor and hungry**

**1776 --> Declaration of Independence** is written and the colonists win American Revolution in 1781

**1789 -->** Peasants mad about new tax plan; Louis calls first meeting of **Estates-General** in 175 years

**1789 --> The Third Estate** declared themselves the National Assembly and made the **Tennis Court Oath**

**1789 -->** Fearing Louis would use force to dismiss the **National Assembly**, the people of Paris stormed the **Bastille**; tore it down

**The Great Fear** starts shortly after

**August 1789 --> Declaration of Rights of Man** written guaranteeing freedoms of equality, press, religion, & justice

**June 1791 -->** Royal family **attempts to escape** but are caught and arrested

**1792 --> Guillotine** is introduced

**1793 --> Jean-Paul Marat**, member of radical political group **Jacobins**, is stabbed in bathtub by Charlotte Corday

**1793 -->** Jacobin leader **Maximillien Robespierre** is slowly gaining power- wants to erase France's past; becomes leader of **Committee of Public Safety** and rules France for next year like a dictator -His rule was known as the **Reign of Terror**

**January 21, 1793 --> King Louis** is executed by guillotine

**October 16, 1793 --> Marie Antoinette** is executed by guillotine

**July 28, 1794 --> Robespierre** is executed by guillotine ending radical phase of revolution

## Impacts of the French Revolution:

1. French Monarchy is no more
2. Catholic Church is temporarily removed
3. Democracy is introduced (though not fully enacted just yet)
4. Thousands killed or executed (40,000 alone during Reign of Terror)
5. Equal rights introduced
6. Napoleon Bonaparte comes to power

