

French Revolution and Napoleonic Era

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Course Requirements and Grading:

1 st Examination	100 pts
2 nd Examination	100 pts
Final Examination	100 pts
Montesquieu Paper	30 pts
Rousseau Paper	30 pts
Research Paper	150 pts
Debate Presentation	50 pts
King's Trial Paper	30 pts
<i>La Nuit de Varennes</i> Paper	30 pts
Historiography Paper	100 pts
Pop Quizzes	As assigned
Response Papers	As assigned

Required Texts:

Hunt, Lynn. *The French Revolution and Human Rights*.

Kates Gary. *The French Revolution: Recent Debates and New Controversies*.

Mason, Laura and Tracey Rizzo. *The French Revolution: A Document Collection*.

Popkin, Jeremy. *A Short History of the French Revolution*, 4th ed.

Course Pack (Available at Panther Print and Copy Center in the University Union)

CP=Course Pack

M/R=Mason/Rizzo reader

*=Documents to be used for Research Paper and Debate Preparation

Jan. 8 Introduction: Two Anthems
The Socio-Political Structure of the Ancien Regime I

Jan. 10 The Socio-Political Structure of the Ancien Regime II
Readings:
Popkin, 8-16
(M/R #1) Charles Loyseau, *A Treatise on Orders*

- Jan. 15 The Ancien Regime and the Enlightenment I
Readings:
 Popkin, 16-20
 (CP) Charles Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, *Spirit of the
 Laws* (Book III)
- Montesquieu Paper Due**
- Jan. 17 The Ancien Regime and the Enlightenment II/The Origins of the Crisis
Readings:
 (M/R #6) Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *The Social Contract*
- Rousseau Paper Due**
- Jan. 22 The Growing Crisis I: The Problem of the Setting Sun and of the Patrie
Reading:
 Popkin, 1-8
- Jan. 24 The Growing Crisis II: The Problem of the Nation
Readings:
 (M/R #3) Jacques Neckar, *King's Accounts*
 (M/R #2B) Parliamentary Remonstrance
- Jan. 29 The Pre-Revolution: Confronting the Problem
Readings:
 Popkin, 22-30
 (M/R #11 A & B) *Cahiers de Doléances*
 (M/R #10) the Abbé Sieyès, *What is the Third Estate?*
- Jan. 31 The Crisis of '89: Claiming the Stage
Readings:
 (M/R #12) The Declaration of the National Assembly
 (M/R #13) The Tennis Court Oath
- Feb. 5 The Crisis of '89: Seizing the Stage
 Popkin, 30-45
 Hunt, 71-79
 (M/R #16) Rural Unrest
 (M/R #17) M. the Duc d'Aiguillon, "Motion Concerning..."

Feb. 7 **1st Examination**

NOTE: Research Paper Due on Day of the Debate for that Topic

Feb. 12 **1st and 2nd Debate**—The Rights of Kings* and of the Church**

Readings:

 Popkin, 45-49

 *(M/R #18A) the Abbé Henri Grégoire, "Opinion on the Royal Veto"

 *(M/R #18B) Jean-Joseph Mounier, Speech on the Royal Sanction

 **(M/R #33A) Warning from Monsieur the Archbishop of Vienne

 **(M/R #33B) Minutes of the Swearing of the Oath

 **(CP) "The Church and the Revolutionary State"

- Feb. 14 **3rd Debate**—The Rights of Jews/A Constitutional Monarchy?
 Readings:
 Popkin, 54-64
 (M/R #34) “Declaration of the King Addressed...”
 *(M/R #22) Petition by the Jews Settled in France....
 *Hunt, #19, 20, 22, 23, 24, and 25
- Feb. 19 **4th Debate**—The Rights of Women/The Republican Revolution
 Readings:
 Popkin, 64-71
 *(M/R #24) Olympe de Gouges, “Declaration of the Rights of Women
 *Hunt, #34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40
 (M/R #37 A & B) The Debate over the Declaration of War
 (M/R #41) The September Massacres
- Feb. 21 The Trial and Execution of the King
 Readings:
 (M/R #42 A & B) Speeches on the Trial of the King
 (CP) The End of the Monarchy, pp. 71-77
King’s Trial Paper Due
- Feb. 26 **5th Debate**—The Rights of Slaves
 Readings:
 *(M/R #23) The National Assembly Decrees the Enfranchisement....”
 *Hunt, #26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33
- Feb. 28 War and the Struggle for Power
- March 5 The Rise of the Jacobin and the Republic of Virtue
 Readings:
 Popkin, 76-80
 (M/R #45) Jean-Paul Marat, *The People’s Friend*
 (M/R #46) Jacques-René Hébert, *Le Père Duchesne*
 (M/R #64) Maximilien Robespierre, “Report on the Principles of...”
- March 7 The Terror and Thermidor
 Readings:
 Popkin, 80-95
 (M/R #54) Instituting the Terror
 (M/R #55) Law on Suspects
- March 19 **2nd Examination**
- March 21 The Directory
 Readings:
 Popkin, 96-107
 (M/R #75) Gracchus Babeuf, *The Plebeians’ Manifesto*

Note: Historiography Paper due in class on the day the reading is assigned

- March 26 Interpreting the Revolution: The Marxist Paradigm
Readings:
Popkin, 145-147
(CP) Georges Lefebvre, "A Series of Class Revolts"
- March 28 Interpreting the Revolution: The Revisionist Counter
Popkin, 147-151
Kates #2: Colin Lucas, "Nobles, Bourgeois, and the Origins..."
Kates #3: François Furet, "The French Revolution Revisited"
Kates #4: Keith Michael Baker, "The Idea of the Declaration of Rights"
- April 2 Interpreting the Revolution: Neo-Liberalism
Kates #5: William Sewell, *A Rhetoric of Bourgeois Revolution*
Kates #6: Colin Jones, "Bourgeois Revolution Revivified"
Kates #7: Timothy Tackett, "Nobles and the Third Estate..."
Kates #8: John Markoff, "Violence, Emancipation, and Democracy."
- April 4 No Class. Outside of class watch *La Nuit de Varennes*
- April 9 ***La Nuit de Varennes Paper Due***
- April 11 The Rise of Napoleon
Readings:
Popkin, 115-124
(M/R #86): Napoleon Bonaparte, "Proclamation to the French People"
- April 16 The Consulate
Popkin, 115-124
- April 18 The Major Reforms/Napoleonic Warfare
Readings:
(M/R #85 A & B) The Imperial Religious Settlement
(M/R #86) The French Civil Code
- April 23 The Empire
- April 25 The Napoleonic Empire Falls
Reading:
Popkin, 125-144

Final Examination: Thursday, May 2, 10:15-12:15

The class schedule and course requirements are subject to change at my discretion.

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