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The French Revolution Video Guide

Answer the following questions using specific examples from the movie.

1. How do you think Louis XVI's qualities as a leader led to the French Revolution?
2. What were 4 of the causes of the French Revolution discussed in the movie?
3. What was the "Enlightenment"? Who were some of its major thinkers & writers?
4. Why did the French people have such negative feelings toward Marie Antoinette?
5. What was the "Declaration of the Rights of Man & of the Citizen"? How does it relate to the U.S. Constitution?
6. What was the Third Estate? Which groups in French society did it include?
7. One of the historians interviewed in this program calls the French Revolution "the crossroads of the modern world." What do you think this means? Do you agree with this claim & Why?
8. At first, it seemed that King Louis XVI would cooperate with some of the demands of the Third Estate. Why do you think he ultimately reacted so violently against them?
9. What kind of leader was Robespierre? Do you think he did a good job of representing the wishes of the French people? Why?
10. What was the role of women in the French Revolution? Can you think of some examples of their contribution to the Revolution from this program?
11. Why do you think the initial goals of the Revolution became so distorted during the "Reign of Terror"? Why do you think Robespierre had so much fear of political traitors?
12. What do you think were the most important long-term effects of the French Revolution? What were its legacies?