

French Revolution Concept Map Assignment

HISTORY 20

INTRODUCTION:

The French Revolution, like many events in history, is complex and consequently, sometimes confusing. Two of the Historical Thinking Concepts we are focusing on in this course are *Continuity & Change* and *Cause & Consequence*, and to help you understand these concepts you will create concept map explaining the French Revolution. **PLEASE NOTE:** In terms of chronological history, your concept will **STOP** at Napoleon's rise to power after his *coup d'état*.

SPECIFICS:

You will be required to create a concept map that incorporates the following:

People:

- King Louis XVI
- Marie Antoinette
- Olympe de Gouge
- Maximilien Robespierre
- Napoleon Bonaparte
- George Danton
- Jean-Paul Marat
- Charlotte Corday

Groups:

- Three Different Estates
- Estates General
- National Assembly
- National Convention
- Committee of Public Safety
- The Directory
- *Sans-Culottes*
- The *Jacobins*

Events:

- Tennis Court Oath
- Storming the Bastille
- *Declaration of the Rights of Man*
- *Declaration of the Rights of Women*
- Abolishment of the First and Second Estates
- King Louis' attempted flee
- Imprisonment, Trial, and Execution of King Louis and Marie Antoinette
- Reign of Terror
- Trial and Execution of Robespierre

Concepts:

- Absolute Monarchy
- Constitutional Monarchy
- Republic
- Oligarchy
- Dictatorship
- *Coup d'état*

***These events contain many other events within them (which must be included)**

The following are a suggested formatting for your concept map:

- Captions (text boxes?)
- Arrows with explanations
- Photos (?)
- Dates of important events
- Show how events lead to other events (relationship between events)
- *If you don't like this formatting, talk me and we may be able to negotiate something that will work better*

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Your concept map **MUST** show the following:

- Cause and Consequence concepts:
 - *How was the French Revolution the result of many causes?*
 - *What are the short term and long term causes?*
 - *What were some of the unintended consequences of the Revolution?*
- Continuity and Change concepts:
 - *What were the significant turning points in the French Revolution?*
 - *What were some of the major changes during the French Revolution?*
 - *During the French Revolution, what more or less stayed the same (hint: think of the different estates)?*

The following are some terminology you can use to help explain your event's relationship to other events:

Verbs to express short-term causes or catalysts:

- Incited
- Kindled
- Triggered
- Sparked

Verbs to express long-term causes or underlying conditions:

- Led to
- Contributed to
- Made possible
- Resulted in
- Encouraged
- Blocked
- Prevented

Verbs to express relationships among cause and consequences:

- Made worse
- Accelerated
- Exacerbated
- Strengthened
- Reinforced
- Increased
- Weakened
- Blocked

Display of Information Formatting:

- You will be required to make a poster displaying your concept map. Everything on the poster must be handwritten/printed. The size of the paper is up to you to decide.

Assessment and Evaluation:

You will be evaluated on the following categories:

- Understanding of Content
- Understanding of Cause and Consequence
- Understanding of Continuity and Change
- Organization and Layout