

FRENCH REVOLUTION TIMELINE

May 1789 Estates-General Convened King Louis XVI summons the three estates to address the financial crisis.

June 1789 Tennis Court Oath The Third Estate declares itself the National Assembly and vows to write a constitution.

July 14, 1789 Storming of the Bastille Citizens of Paris attack the medieval fortress, marking a turning point in the revolution.

August 1789 Declaration of Rights The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen is adopted.

January 1793 Execution of Louis XVI The King is executed by guillotine after being convicted of high treason.

1793 - 1794 Reign of Terror The Committee of Public Safety, led by Robespierre, executes thousands of "enemies" of the revolution.

November 1799 Rise of Napoleon Napoleon Bonaparte overthrows the Directory in a coup d'etat, ending the revolutionary period.