# Unit Y213: the french revolution and the rule of napoleon

Note: Based on 2x 50 minute lessons per week

Terms based on 6 term year.

| **Key Topic** | **Term** | **Week Number** | **Indicative Content** | **Extended Content** | **Resources** |
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| **The causes of the French Revolution from 1774 and the events of 1789** | 1 | 1 | The structure of the Ancien Régime;  | * Absolute monarchy
* Structure of royal government
* The First Estate
* The Second Estate
* The Third Estate
* Limits on power of king, including assembly of clergy and the rule in the provinces.
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution*, Forrest
 |
| 1 | 1 | qualities of Louis XVI as King of France;  | * Portrayal as king, both at the time and over time.
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
| 1 | 1 | financial problems and attempts by Turgot, Necker and Calonne to deal with them;  | * Tax farming
* Venality
* Reaction to attempts to abolish trade guilds and the corvee.
* Issues with taxes not reaching the treasury and resentment created with Third Estate.
* Necker and system of loans to finance war
* Calonne and the resumption of selling offices,
* Calonne reforms of tax system.
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
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|  | 1 | 2 | the ideas of the Enlightenment and the impact of the American Revolution and the War of Independence;  | * Aims of the philosophes
* Cost of involvement in American revolution and impact on financial situation of the crown.
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 1 | 2 | social discontents;  | * Anger amongst the Third Estate, particularly in finance.
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 1 | 2 | economic problems from 1787;  | * Failure of the reform process undertaken by Calonne.
* Bad harvests
* Food shortages
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 1 | 3 | the Assembly of Notables and the political developments 1787–May 1789;  | * Louis’ political weakness
	+ Revolt of the Aristocracy
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 1 | 4 | the Estates General, events in Paris in 1789;  | * Method of voting
* Electing the deputies
* Cahiers
* Meeting of the Estates-General and the declaration of the national assembly
* The Tennis Court Oath
* The response of the crown
* The capture / storming of the Bastille and its significance
* The establishment of the Commune of Paris
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 1 | 5 | the ‘Great Fear’;  | * The revolution in the provinces and the rural revolt.
* Sacking of Chateuxs
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 1 | 6 | the October Days. | * The August decrees and their significance
* The reaction of the monarchy
* The significance of the October days and change in Louis’ status.
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
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| **The Revolution from October 1789 to the Directory 1795** | 1 | 7 | The attempts to establish a constitutional monarchy;  | * Plans for 745 member legislative assembly
* Powers of the king following proposed reforms.
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
| 1-2 | 7-8 | reforms in church and state;  | * Local government reform, including decrees of December 1789 and May 1790.
* Introduction of Active Citizens and new electoral system
* Control of the new councils.
* Issues with the tax system and its reform.
* Sale and buying of Church land
* Employer-employee relations
* Reform of the legal system
* Creation of a church free from abuses and foreign control, linked to the new system of local government and more closely to the state.
* Abolishing of tithe, annates and pluralism.
* Distinction between monastic orders.
* Civil rights for protestants and Jews
* Civil constitution of the Clergy
* The oat of loyalty
* The two churches
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
| 2 | 9 | the significance of riots and direct political action 1789–1792;  | * Rural revolution in 1790-1792
* Sans-culottes and discontent of urban workers
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 2 | 10 | the Jacobins;  | * Origins
* Memberships
* Beliefs
* Significance
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 2 | 10 | the flight to Varennes; | * Reasons for flight
* Significance, including declaration of Louis to the French people regarding his true feelings

Results of the flight | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 2 | 11 | the overthrow of the monarchy;  | * The return of Louis and his acceptance of the constitution.
* The meeting of the new Legislative Assembly in 1789
* The growth of the counter revolution
* Outbreak, support and opposition of war.
* Factors contributing to the overthrow of the monarchy
	+ The military crisis
	+ Royal vetoes
	+ Rise of the sans-culottes
	+ The federes
	+ The Brunswick manifesto
	+ The attack on the Tuileries
	+ The proclamation of the Republic

Trial and execution of Louis XVI | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 2 | 12 | the Convention and the Terror; | * War with Prussia
	+ The September massacres
	+ The battle of Valmy
* The decree of Fraternity
* The war of the first coalition
* The vendee rebellion
* Economic issues created by war
* Emergence of government by Terror
* Establishment and role of the committees (General Security and Public Safety).
* The federal revolt
* The new committee of public safety
* The Sans-culottes (ideas and impact)
* The political, social, economic and religious impact of the Terror
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 2 | 13 | the destruction of the Girondins;  | * Overthrow of the Girondins
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
 |
|  | 2 | 13 | the ascendancy and fall of Robespierre;  | * The dictatorship of the Committee of public Safety
* Opposition to the government
* The Great Terror
* Robespierre declining support
* Coup of Thermidor
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
* Fatal Purity: Robespierre and the French Revolution. Scurr
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|  | 2 | 14 | the establishment of the Thermidorian Regime;  | * End of the Terror
* Uprising of Germinal and Prairial
* The White Terror
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
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|  | 3 | 15 | the constitution of the Directory. | * Constitution of Year III – structures and weaknesses
* Verona declaration
* The Vendemiaire uprising
* The Babeuf plot
* Fructidor coup d’état
* Financial Reform
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *France in Revolution* 1776-1830, Waller
* *The French Revolution,* Forrest
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| **Napoleon Bonaparte to 1807** | 3 | 16 | The career of Bonaparte to 1799: early life and character;  | Early life and character | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
 |
| 3 | 16-17 | his military leadership and reasons for success to 1799 including Toulon, the Italian Campaign, Egypt, the weaknesses of the Thermidorian regime and the coup of Brumaire in 1799;  | * Military campaigns in Austria, Italy and Egypt
* The Second Coalition
* The Coup of Brumaire
* Failure and Achievements of the Directory
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
 |
| 3 | 18 | Napoleon’s reforms as Consul, including the constitutional, legal, financial, educational changes;  | * Constitution of Year VIII
* Distribution of power during the consulate
* Financial, legal, education reform
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
 |
|  | 3 | 19 | the establishment and nature of the Empire in France;  | * Creation of Napoleonic empire.
* Extending frontiers
* Satellite states
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
 |
|  | 4 | 20-21 | nature of and reasons for military successes and failures after 1799: Marengo and the War of the Third Coalition, including the battles of Ulm and Austerlitz, Trafalgar. | * War of the Third Coalition
* War of the Fourth coalition
* Military and strategic developments
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
 |
| **The decline and fall of Napoleon 1807–1815** | 4 | 22 | The Continental System and the war against Britain;  | * Continental system
* War with Britain
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
 |
| 4 | 22 | the war in Spain; the Russian Campaign;  | * The peninsula war
* The invasion of Russia
* Retreat from Moscow
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
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| 4 | 23 | Napoleon’s rule in France after 1807;  | * Increasing autocracy
* Similarities and differences with Ancien Regime
* Expansion of economy
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
 |
| 4 | 24 | the campaigns of 1813–1815 and abdication;  | * the campaigns of 1813–1815 and abdication;
 | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
 |
|  | 4 | 24 | the Hundred Days;  | the Hundred Days; | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
 |
|  | 5 | 25 | Personal failings and reasons for fall. | Reason for the fall and impact of Napoleon on France | * *France in Revolution*, Rees
* *Napoleon and Europe*, Wright
* *Napoleon, His Rise and Fall*, Thompson
* *Napoleon, For and Against*, Geyl
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