# 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 |
| **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 |
|  | 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 |
|  | 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 |
| **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 |
| 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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