**French Revolution Study Guide**

Three Estates

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| First Estate | Clergy (Church) |
| Second Estate | Nobility (Royal Family/Government Officials) |
| Third Estate | Everyone Else (Commoners) |
| Born Into Estates | People were born into their Estate based upon their parents Social Status |

Causes

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| Third Estate | Dissatisfied (Upset, Angry) with the treatment of the First and Second Estate including the Monarchy (King) |
| Failure of Government | King failed to meet the needs of his people economically and socially (Human Rights) |
| Bourgeoisie (Upper Third Estate) | Upset that they did not have a role in government under the Old Regime (Monarchy) |
| Tax Structure | Inequalities in the tax structure led to the French Revolution |
| Peasants Desire | Third Estate wanted more land |

Events of French Revolution

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| Estates General | King Louis called Estates General, which was the first action of the French Revolution |
| Reign of Terror | Led by Maximilien Robespierre, thousands of people were killed by the guillotine who were suspected of going against the Revolution  Every Estate was impacted and killed during the Reign of Terror |
| Maximilien Robespierre | Came to power during the Reign of Terror and was leader of the Jacobins |

Results

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| Result of French Revolution | Power is gained by the middle class |