

STUDY GUIDE

THE THREE ESTATES IN FRANCE

LESSON 1

FIRST ESTATE

CLERGY

- 130,000 people, 0.5% of the population
- Owned 10% of the land
- Did not have to pay the taille

SECOND ESTATE

NOBILITY

- 350,000 people, 2% of the population
- Owned 25 to 30% of the land
- Did not have to pay the taille

THIRD ESTATE

PEASANTS, WORKERS, BOURGEOISIE (MIDDLE CLASS)

- More than 26 million people, 97% of the population
- Owned about 60% of the land
- Paid the taille

CAUSES OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

LESSON 2

- Dissension among the three estates
- Social inequality
- Political ideas of the Enlightenment
- Financial excess led to near collapse of government

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LESSON 3



RISE AND FALL OF NAPOLEON

LESSON 4

- Napoleon conquered most of Europe and built empire
- Napoleon created Civil Code
- Napoleon made peace with the Catholic Church
- Napoleon took power from the Directory

- Napoleon is defeated in Russia
- European powers make war on France
- European powers capture Paris and Napoleon is sent into exile
- Napoleon returns to France but is defeated Waterloo in 1815
- Napoleon returns to exile