## Unit 3 The French Revolution

#### **Social Studies – ESO-4**

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- The Directory



#### Introduction



It began in 1789 and continued up to the reign of Napoleon in 1799.





#### The causes of the French Revolution

- Social differences:
  - → 1<sup>st</sup> estate (clergy)
  - → 2<sup>nd</sup> estate (nobility)
  - → 3<sup>rd</sup> estate (90%)
- The third estate had no privileges and paid taxes.
- → The king was an absolute monarch.





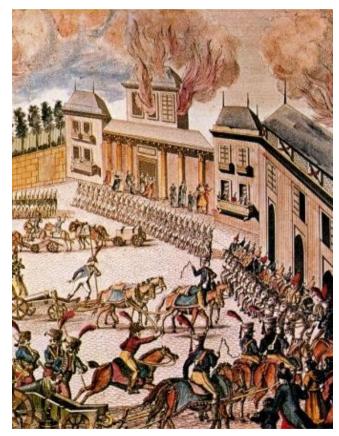
#### In the Tennis court

- The King called a meeting of the Estates-General to soften the social unrest.
- The King did not listen to the demands from the Third Estate.
- Members of the Third Estate met in the Tennis Court where they made speeches that expressed their complaints.

#### **The Revolution Begins**

- → The hungry Paris mob attacked the Bastille on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 1789.
- The soldiers did not stop the people.
- Over two years the Assembly made a new constitution for France (the third estate was given more power and the King and the Church lost a bit of theirs).
- The Declaration of the Rights of Man is written.





#### The French Revolution The King and the Revolution

- → In 1774 Louis XVI became king (his power was given by God).
- → In 1789 the Paris mob attacked his palace in Versailles.
- → In 1791 the new Constitution was proclaimed and he signed his loyalty to it.
- In June 1791 the king and his family tried to escape to Montmedy, near Austria but they were caught and sent back to Paris.



#### War and Republic

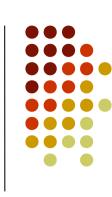


- → Louis XVI's wife, Marie-Antoinette, was the Austrian Emperor's sister.
- → In April 1792 Austria declared war against France.
- Many officers had fled France and the army was inexperienced.
- -> Men were in the army  $\rightarrow$  few farmers $\rightarrow$ bad harvest
- Louis XVI thought the French wanted to lose the war.
- → In the summer of 1792 the National Guard joined the mob and attacked the King's palace, the Tuilleries.
- The King went to prison and France became a republic.

#### The Execution of the King

- In 1792 the King is imprisoned and France became a republic.
- The mob started looking for traitors: clergy, nobles or those who supported the king.
- About 1,100-1,400 people were killed.
- Louis XVI was judged and found guilty; he was sentenced to death.
- In January 1793 he was executed.





#### The Reign of Terror

- This period starts after Louis XVI's death.
- Thousands of people were suspected of antirevolutionary activities and were executed for it, most of them in the guillotine:
  - → Marie-Antoinette
  - More than 12,000 officials
  - → 1,031 nobles
  - → 2,923 middle classes
  - → 674 from the clergy
  - → 7,878 workers and peasants





## The French Revolution The Reign of Terror – 2

- → The Jacobins controlled the Committee of Public Safety.
- Robespierre was its most important member.
- → In 1793 some laws were passed:
  - Law of Prairial hearing evidence wasn't necessary in trials.
  - *Law of Suspects -* people were sent to prison without a trial.



- After the Terror the Constitution was changed again.
- A more moderate government was the goal.
- Five directors would rule the country.
- In 1798 the Directory reached a crisis point.
- A general who could control the country was looked for. His name was Napoleon Bonaparte.







## Unit 4 The Directory

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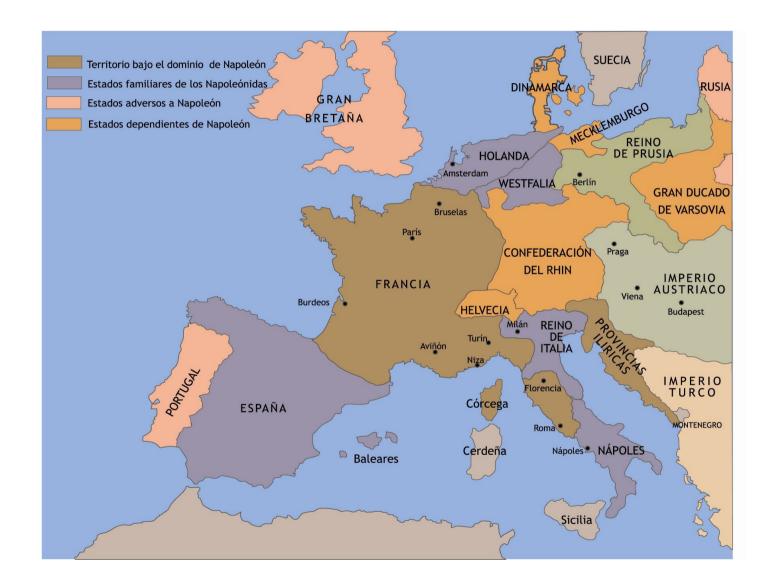
- > 1794 Terror ended
- Jacobins & sans-cullottes out of power
- Moderate government needed
- → The Directory was chosen:
  - → 5 directors
  - Problems:
    - → No money expensive wars
    - → Food shortages
    - → Defeated army
    - → Plots against government





- Problems with the Directory
- → A general was chosen Napoleon Bonaparte
- Napoleon Bonaparte
  - → Born in Corsica in 1769
  - Successful general and diplomatic
- Crowned Emperor in 1804
- New law system Napoleonic Code
- Britain was the opponent Trafalgar defeat
- England helped his enemies in Europe
- → 1812 failure in Russia
- → Exile to Elba 1814









- Back to France for 100 days
- Defeat in Waterloo
- → Exile in St. Helen





Changes in France under Napoleon

# The education system Primary, secondary, *lycee* & technical schools

- → Government
  - Emperor of France
  - → 2 National Assemblies
  - All men could vote
  - Jaws made by the Assemblies



- Changes in France under Napoleon
  - Society
    - → No feudalism
    - Catholic church restored
    - Stability to nobility("legion of honour"
    - → New roads, canals, bridges
    - → Memorials
  - → Concordat



- The Code Napoleon
  - No feudal rights
  - → Trial by jury
  - Parents power over children
  - > Wives:
    - → Could not sell/give away property
    - Only own property with husband's consent
  - Parents could imprison their children
  - All people equal by law



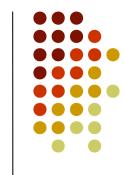
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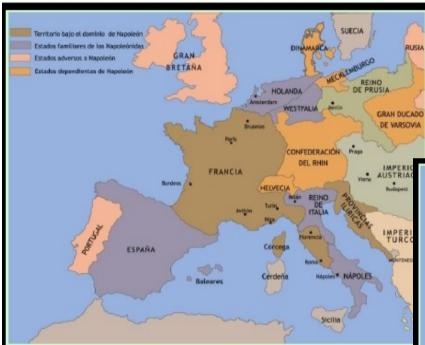
#### **Social Studies – ESO-4**



- Congress of Vienna
- Liberals and nationalists
- Revolutions in 1820 and 1830
- 1848 revolution
- Scramble for Africa
- Different types of colonies

- Congress of Vienna (1815)
  - Austria, Russia, Prussia, Great Britain and France were powerful
  - Grand Alliance→Austria, Prussia, Russia and Britain→defeat of Napoleon
  - <u>Vienna settlement</u> → *balance of power*
  - Buffer states (Cordon sanitaire) for no future French expansion
- New alliances:
  - The Quadruple Alliance(Britain, Austria, Prussia and Russia)
  - The Holy Alliance (Prussia, Russia & France)





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**Congress of Vienna (1815)** 



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- Liberals and Nationalists
  - Liberals  $\rightarrow$  greater freedom
  - Nationalists → same race in one country
- Revolutions in 1820 & 1830
  - In 1920 Riego rebelled against Ferdinand VII in Spain → Holy Alliance sent an army and absolutism was re-established
  - Revolution succeeded in Greece



Revolutions in 1830



- France Charles X (no Carta Otorgada) Philippe de Orleans new king
- Belgium became independent from Holland

- Revolutions in 1848
  - Economic crisis social & political tensions (bad harvests and expensive food)
  - Revolutionaries: liberalism & nationalism
  - Europe = collection of states ruled by absolute monarchs
  - Fundamental change new ideas:
    - Liberalism human rights & freedoms
    - Nationalism: same race & language → fundamental change
  - Revolutions spread: Italy, German states, Austria...



1848 was a turning point



- New Constitutions with universal male suffrage (France) & liberalism
- Austria end of feudalism
- Division nationalism & liberalism





- Italy
  - Italy between 1815 and 1848
    - Reasons for the revolutions in Italy
  - The creation of a united Italy (from 1848-1870)
    - The kingdom of Italy
- Germany
  - Unification of Germany
    - Otto Von Bismark
  - Three wars → unification of Germany
    - The Danish war (1864)
    - The Austrian war (1864)
    - The Franco-Prussian war (1870-71)

- 1848 revolts failed in Italy because:
  - Help was needed to defeat Austria
  - Italian revolutionaries were divided
    - Mazzini wanted a republic
    - Charles Albert wanted a democracy
    - Gioberti and others wanted a confederation





- The creation of a united Italy 1
  - In 1849 → Piedmont → constitutional king → Victor Emmanuel II
  - Cavour was Prime Minister
    - He became Napoleon's ally against Austria (*Pact of Plombieres*)
    - They defeated the Austrians





- The creation of a united Italy 2
  - Rebelions in northern Italy  $\rightarrow$  new kingdom
  - Southern Italy → Garibaldi
    - Redshirts
    - Sicily and Naples
    - He went to Rome





- The creation of a united Italy 3
  - In 1861 the first parliament met in Turin.
  - In 1866 Venetia became part of Italy too.
  - Rome wasn't part of Italy until 1929





#### • Germany

- In 1815 Germany was divided into 39 states
- Bundestag → representatives of theses states
- 1848 revolutions → two ideas
  - Kleindeutschland didn't include Austria
  - Grossdeutschland included Austria
- In 1848 an attempt to unite Germany failed
- In 1834 free trade in Germany (Zolverein)

- Otto Von Bismark
  - Elected Prime Minister by King William of Prussia
  - 3 wars brought about the unification
    - The Danish War (1864)
    - The Austrian War (1864)
    - The Franco-Prussian War (1870-71)



- The war was a triumph
  - Alsace and Lorraine became German
  - William I became Emperor of Germany

