Worksheet: The French Revolution

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Q1. Name the three estates of French society before the Revolution. *[1 mark]*

Q2. When was the Bastille stormed, and why is the date important? *[1 mark]*

Q3. Define 'subsistence crisis.' *[1 mark]*

Q4. What was the Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen (August 1789)? *[1 mark]*

Q5. Who was Robespierre, and what is the 'Reign of Terror'? *[1 mark]*

Q6. Describe three causes of the French Revolution. *[3 marks]*

Q7. Arrange these events in chronological order: (i) Storming of the Bastille, (ii) Tennis Court Oath, (iii) Execution of Louis XVI, (iv) Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen, (v) Napoleon becomes Emperor. *[3 marks]*

Q8. What was the difference between the Estates-General and the National Assembly? *[3 marks]*

Q9. Why was the slogan 'Liberty, Equality, Fraternity' so revolutionary in 18th-century Europe? *[3 marks]*

Q10. Describe the role of women in the French Revolution. *[3 marks]*

Q11. Explain how the French Revolution influenced the world and continued to shape modern democracy. *[5 marks]*

Q12. If the French Revolution proclaimed equality, why was it followed by the Reign of Terror and Napoleon's dictatorship? Discuss this apparent contradiction. *[4 marks]*

Q13. Compare the French Revolution and the American Revolution. What did they share, and how did they differ? *[4 marks]*

Q14. How is the legacy of the French Revolution reflected in the Constitution of India? *[4 marks]*

Q15. Source: 'The Bastille was hated by all, because it stood for the despotic power of the king.' — Eyewitness account, 1789.

Using this source and your knowledge, explain why the Bastille was a symbol of royal tyranny. *[4 marks]*