

Title: Causes of The French Revolution

What was one cause of the French Rev.?

- Cause #1: The **Old-Regime-Estate System**:

(1) The Old-Regime is composed of:

(a) 1st Estate - Clergy - pay about 2% of income taxes

(b) 2nd Estate - Nobles pay **little to no taxes**

(c) 3rd Estate - Everyone else - pay almost all the taxes

- Compose 97% population

- 3 components of 3rd Estate

- **Bourgeoisie** - middle class

is educated, wealthy,

has learned about

Enlightenment

- **workers**

- **peasants**

How much did nobles pay in taxes?

Who were the three groups that made up the 3rd Estate?

- Cause #2: The Enlightenment:

- Ideas of Locke, Voltaire, and others

- Gov't. Comes from the **Consent of the**

people - if a ruler is not protecting

your life, liberty, + property, people

should rebel;

From who did the Enlightenment thinkers believe government comes from?

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What were two Economic Problems in France that led to the French Rev.?

- Cause #3: Economic Problems:

- Huge gap b/w rich + poor
- very unfair tax system
- Food shortages due to poor harvests
- Extravagant Spending of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette

- Cause #4: Louis XVI + Marie Antoinette:

- Louis weak leader + uninterested in governing + politics

What kind of leader was Louis XVI?

- Idea of absolutism + "divine right"

- Extravagant Self-Spenders

- Dislike Marie Antoinette due to

Austrian bloodline

Why was Marie Antoinette disliked?