

# THE FRENCH REVOLUTION INTERACTIVE

## Writing Frame

**Did the French Revolution achieve anything? [15 marks]**

### Introduction

Why was there a French Revolution?	What were some of the aims of the French Revolution? What did the Third Estate hope to achieve?
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### France becomes a republic

The Third Estate establishes the National Assembly. Ideas of liberty and equality. New Constitution.	Destruction of privileges. First and Second Estates now have to pay taxes. Many nobility left [Émigrés]. Some Church lands given to peasants. Declaration of the Rights of Man.	Peasants still remained poor. High prices for bread and rice continued. Higher taxation to pay for wars against France's enemies.
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### The Reign of Terror

Execution of King Louis and Queen Marie-Antoinette.	The Jacobins in power. Robespierre and the Terror. The guillotine.	France at war with Austria and Prussia until 1815.	The Great Fear. France divided. France in turmoil, instability and chaos.
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### Napoleon and the French Empire

Napoleon becomes Emperor. He rules France as a dictator. Revolution goes no further.	Some positive and negative changes brought in by Napoleon e.g. Napoleonic Code and Lycee but also allowed the nobles to return. The monarchy returned to France.	National pride Napoleon gains an empire for France.
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### Conclusion

Was the French Revolution more of a success or failure? Did the Revolution achieve its aims?	What were some of the long-term achievements of the Revolution e.g. inspired revolutions in 1848?
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