

# Causes of the French Revolution

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## **Terms to remember**

Absolute Monarch  
Classes  
France  
Old Regime  
Revolution

## What was the Old Regime?

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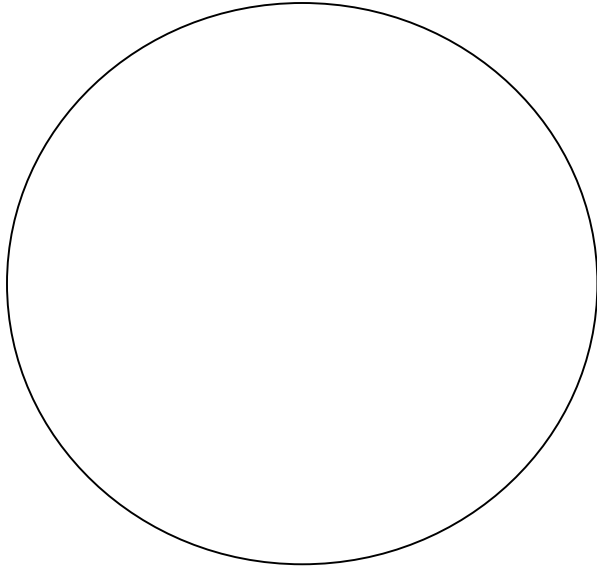
## Growing Discontent

Why did discontent grow in France during the mid-1700s?

Cost of Living  
Discontent  
Equality  
Liberty  
Lower  
Population  
Privileged  
Rent  
Riot  
Survive  
Taxes

### Activity #1

Create a pie graph that shows the percentage of the population in each of the three estates and the types of people who belong to each estate.



First Estate

Second Estate

Third Estate

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## *The Financial Crisis*

What events led to the meeting of the Estates General?

### **Terms to remember:**

American  
Great Britain  
Loan  
Louis XV  
Louis XVI  
Marie Antoinette  
Resentment  
Upper

# The Meeting of the Estates General

Why did the Third Estate refuse to follow the tradition of each estate having one vote?

Constitution  
French Revolution  
Individuals  
National Assembly  
Overthrow  
Population  
Separately  
Taxes  
Third

What was created as a result of the failure of the Estates General?

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## Drawing Inferences

Imagine you are a representative from the Third Estate at the Estates General meeting. Write a letter to a friend explaining what the Third Estate representatives want. \*Consider how the Third Estate differed from the other two.