



# FRANCE

IN THE 1780s

## ENLIGHTENMENT IDEAS

- Locke, Montesquieu, Voltaire And Rousseau
- GB – Limit to King's Power
- US- Overthrow King's Power

## FINANCIAL CRISIS

- Serious Debt
- Borrowed Money for Wars
- Spent Lavishly
- Nobles Refused Taxation

## INEQUALITIES IN SOCIETY

### RANK

TOP: King- Louis XVI  
Queen- Marie Antoinette  
ABSOLUTE MONARCHY

1<sup>ST</sup> Estate: Roman Catholic Clergy  
NO TAXES

2<sup>ND</sup> Estate: Nobles (Military and Government)  
FEW TAXES

3<sup>rd</sup> Estate:  
1. Bourgeoisie- Rich  
2. Artisans and Workers  
3. Peasants (Very Poor)  
NO SAY IN GOVERNMENT

- Drought and Freezing Temperatures

