A watershed event in modern European history, the French Revolution began in 1789 and ended in the late 1790s with the ascent of Napoleon Bonaparte. During this period, French citizens razed and redesigned their country’s political landscape, uprooting centuries-old institutions such as absolute monarchy and the feudal system. Like the American Revolution before it, the French Revolution was influenced by Enlightenment ideals, particularly the concepts of popular sovereignty and inalienable rights. Although it failed to achieve all of its goals and at times degenerated into a chaotic bloodbath, the movement played a critical role in shaping modern nations by showing the world the power inherent in the will of the people.

**CONTENT TOPICS & Focus Questions**

The Beginning of the Revolutionary Era: The American Revolution

* What were the causes and results of the American Revolution, and what impact did it have on Europe?

Background to the French Revolution

* What were the long-range and immediate causes of the French Revolution

The French Revolution

* What were the main events of the French Revolution between 1789 and 1799?
* What role did each of the following play in the French Revolution: lawyers, culottes, the French revolutionary army, and the Committee of Public Safety?

The Age of Napoleon

* Which aspects of the French Revolution did Napoleon preserve, and which did he destroy?

INTERPRETATION: Analyze Edmund Burke and Thomas Paine’s reactions and interpretations of the French Revolution.

**ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Thursday, December 1**

* Chapter 18 Review Activity
* Causes of the Revolution & National Assembly
* Opposing Viewpoints: Natural Rights
* **HOMEWORK: Text 563-570**

**Friday, December 2**

* French Revolution DVD Part I
* **HOMEWORK: Study for Chapter 18 Exam**

**Monday, December 5**

* Chapter 18 Exam
* **HOMEWORK: Text 570-577; Interpretations of FR -*****An Evaluation of the French Revolution,* William Doyle**

**Tuesday, December 6**

* Enlightened Rulers DBQ Activity
* *An Evaluation of the French Revolution,* William Doyle
* The revolution turns radical…then conservative
* **HOMEWORK: Text 577-583**
* **584-590**

**Wednesday, December 7**

* French Revolution DVD Part II
* **HOMEWORK: Text 584-590**

**Thursday, December 8**

* INTERPRETATIONS: Edmund Burke vs. Thomas Paine
* Document Analysis: Documents of the Revolution Activity
* **HOMEWORK: Text 590-594; Coalition Wars Handout**

**Friday, December 9**

* Napoleon Lecture
* **HOMEWORK: Prepare for Socratic Seminar #3-Napoleon**

**Monday, December 12**

* Socratic Seminar #3: The French Rev & Napoleon
* **HOMEWORK: Text 596-602**

**\*\*\* Chapter 19 Exam Thursday, December 15; study guide and terms due**