French Revolution

Timeline Assignment

**Rationale:**

Timelines are a useful tool in helping historians and students of history understand chronology of events and cause-effect relationships. Completing this assignment will give you the opportunity to practice reading skills, research skills, thinking skills, organizational skills, and summarizing skills.

**Your Task:**

Using the information in your textbook, pp. 159-172, create a one-page timeline that identifies and discusses the important events of the French Revolution between the 1763 and 1795. You will also need to do some further research in the library and online.

Your timeline should be well-organized. It should use colours and symbols in a logical manner (people, events, documents) should be written in different colour ink than your text and/or highlighted. Each event should be listed in proper chronological order and briefly explained in your own words. You should stress the importance of each event. What happened? How did it change the situation?

Your timeline should include a minimum of two relevant graphics/pictures. You should write original captions identifying and explaining the importance of each.

Identify with a **special symbol** the one event you think was the **most significant** in the entire French Revolution. Explain and justify your choice. Use a separate box/area for your explanation or a separate page.

Items that should be on the timeline are:

Creation of the Marat murdered Danton executed

Committee of Public Safety 18 Brumaire coronation of Louis XVI

The Directory The “Terror” abolition of titles of the nobility

Estates General Meeting Tennis Court Oath abolition of the monarchy

“The Great Fear” Seven Years War Civil Constitution of the Clergy

D.R.M.C. Bastille (storming of) abolition of feudal rights

Execution of Louis XVI war with Austria “What is the Third Estate?”

Cahiers de Doleances “October Days” Louis XVI flight to Varennes

War of the First Coalition execution of Robespierre Marseillaise becomes the national

American Revolution Anthem of France



Calling of the Estates General Execution of Marie Antoinette

September Massacres Jacobins take Louis XVI in to custody

The Diamond Necklace Affair

**An 18th century, pre-Revolution, French cartoon depicting the 3 Estates of the Ancien Regime.**

**Tips/Checklist:**

* Use the exemplars in class to help you get started
* Construct a rough timeline first, use pencil only
* Read the relevant sections of the text, make additions to the timeline
* After your rough draft is complete, highlight key terms (use different colours for categories: people, events, laws …)
* Identify and explain the significance of each item on the timeline
* Find a minimum of two relevant pictures/graphics
* Write your own original captions for your pictures/graphics
* When your rough copy is finished, plan the design/layout of your good copy
* Plan to finish before the due date
* Ask Ms Bew if you need help
* Use this checklist

**Evaluation:**

Knowledge – of specific events and their significance, proper use of key terms, dates

Thinking – evaluation and assessment of events, the most important event, the significance of the FR

Communication – original writing, clarity, timeline design and organization, picture captions

***Due Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**The execution of Louis XVI in Paris. The executioner shows the crowd the King’s severed head. Jan. 21, 1793.**