

Vocabulary	Meaning
revolution	a forcible overthrow of a government in favour of a new system
corrupt	having or showing a willingness to act dishonestly in return for money or personal gain
divine right of kings	chosen by God to be king
government	the group of people with the authority to govern a country or state
equality	being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities
revolutionaries	people who advocate or engage in political revolution
monarch	a sovereign head of state, especially a king, queen or emperor
reform	change often in order to improve
bankruptcy	when a person is unable to pay their debts
absolute monarchy	complete authority
prosecution	carrying out legal proceedings against someone because of a criminal charge
pre-revolution	before the revolution
counter revolution	a revolution in response to another revolution
supreme	highest in range or authority
legislature	a group of people who vote for new laws
conquest	a territory which has been taken over by military force

Key knowledge – Significant figures

Louis XVI – was the last King of France before the fall of the monarchy during the **French Revolution**. He was executed by guillotine in 1792.



Napoleon Bonaparte dominated French and European history from 1799 to 1815. In a sense he brought the **French Revolution** to an end in 1799.



Key knowledge

In 1789, a state prison (**Bastille**) was attacked by an angry and aggressive mob. The event became a defining moment in the **French Revolution**.



The **guillotine** was used as an execution method during the **French Revolution**. After **Louis XVI** execution this led to the **Reign of Terror** – when a series of massacres and public executions took place.



History Timeline

American Revolution
1776-1781

French Revolution
1789-1799