The Revolution: Discussion Questions

Answer in full sentences and provide evidence or explanations for your responses.

1. How long did the French Revolution last?
2. What is a republic?
3. Why did the people of France support a change to a republic? (give 3 reasons)
4. Why did crowds begin to riot in Paris?
5. What is the Estates General?
6. Describe the voting structure of the Estates General. How did this system create problems?
7. How did King Louis XVI react to the situation in the Estates General meeting? What was his solution and did the solution resolve the problem?
8. What did the Third Estate representatives do to gain power? (describe 3)
9. What was the "Tennis Court Oath" and what was the result?
10. Describe the "Fall of the Bastille". Why was this event so important?
11. What was "The Great Fear"?
12. What was the result of "The Great Fear"?
13. What did the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen guarantee?
14. What was the title given to every person in France after the constitution?
15. What was the result of the royal family's attempted escape?
16. What were the three political groups that struggled for power and what was their goal for the government?