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FRENCH REVOLUTION WEBQUEST

Directions: Use the given websites to answer the following questions on your own paper. For all websites, make sure you select “English” if it initially displays in French. Each person in your group needs their own copy of the answers.

The palace of Versailles was the King’s country home.

<http://en.chateauversailles.fr/the-palace->

1. In 3-4 minutes, take a quick tour of the palace (Once you click on a portion of the palace, there are more pages if you click the numbers on the bottom of screen). How do you think the French people felt about the lifestyle of the king and French nobility based on their view of Versailles?

<http://en.chateauversailles.fr/history/court-people/louis-xiv-time/louis-xiv->

2. “L’Etat, c’est moi”? What does this mean and how is it different from Rousseau’s views?
3. What was Louis XIV’s nickname?

Louis XVI:

<http://en.chateauversailles.fr/history/court-people/louis-xvi-time/louis-xvi>

4. What problems did Louis XVI face during his reign?
5. Who was Louis XVI’s wife?
6. What happened to him?

The Social Contract and Jean-Jacques Rousseau

(Use your textbook for this section)

7. What is the social contract theory?
8. What did Rousseau argue should be the 3 goals of government?
9. In Rousseau’s mind is the majority always right? Why or why not?
10. Why would Louis XVI have been threatened by Rousseau?

The Estates General meets. (Use your textbook for this section)

11. Which was the largest Estate? Who made up this Estate?
12. Who paid most of the taxes?
13. Why was the voting system of the Estates General unfair to the Third Estate?

The Tennis Court Oath.

<http://3justicefrenchrev.weebly.com/tennis-court-oath.html>

14. Why did the Third Estate meet on a tennis court?
15. What was the significance of the Tennis Court Oath?
16. Examine the sketch by J.L. David at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Serment_du_jeu_de_paume.jpg How does the sketch make you feel? Consider the 3 men in the center of the image, the man on the table, the lighting, etc. Be specific and describe the significance of this sketch.