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French Revolution Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. What event is the symbol of the French Revolution's beginning?

- (A) The arrest and execution of Robespierre in July 1794
- (B) The crowning of Napoleon as emperor of France in December 1804
- (C) The storming of the Bastille prison on July 14, 1789
- (D) The execution of King Louis XVI in January 1793

2. What did the Third Estate declare itself in 1789?

- (A) The Council of Five Hundred
- (B) The Legislative Assembly
- (C) The National Convention
- (D) The National Assembly

3. What did the Declaration of the Rights of Man proclaim?

- (A) That all men are born free and equal, with rights to liberty and security
- (B) That only nobles and clergy may vote, hold office, or own land anywhere in France
- (C) That all power belongs to the king, who rules France by the will of God
- (D) That all men and women may vote and hold office in the new republic

4. What was the Reign of Terror?

- (A) A time of military rule after Napoleon closed the National Assembly
- (B) A time of foreign rule after Austria and Prussia captured Paris
- (C) A time of mass executions of suspected enemies, led by Robespierre
- (D) A time of mass executions of revolutionaries, ordered by Louis XVI

5. Who was Robespierre?

(A) A general who won battles in Italy and Egypt, then seized power

(B) A radical leader of the Reign of Terror who was later executed

(C) A king of France who was sent to the guillotine in 1793

(D) A noble who led the storming of the Bastille in July 1789

6. How did the Reign of Terror end?

(A) Austrian and Prussian armies captured Paris and freed the prisoners

(B) Members of the National Convention arrested and executed Robespierre

(C) Robespierre retired from politics and handed all his power to the Directory

(D) Napoleon and his soldiers overthrew Robespierre in a military coup

7. What were the main ideals of the French Revolution?

(A) Monarchy, order, and tradition, with the king ruling by divine right

(B) Faith, obedience, and duty, with the Church guiding the government

(C) Empire, conquest, and glory, with the army ruling over the people

(D) Liberty, equality, and brotherhood, with government serving the people

8. How did the French Revolution end?

(A) With Napoleon Bonaparte seizing power in a coup in November 1799

(B) With Louis XVI returning to the throne after the fall of Robespierre

(C) With the Directory holding free elections and stepping down in 1799

(D) With Austria and Prussia capturing Paris and dividing France in 1799

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French Revolution Quiz: Answer Key

1. **C** The storming of the Bastille prison on July 14, 1789

2. **D** The National Assembly

3. **A** That all men are born free and equal, with rights to liberty and security

4. **C** A time of mass executions of suspected enemies, led by Robespierre

5. **B** A radical leader of the Reign of Terror who was later executed

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7. **D** Liberty, equality, and brotherhood, with government serving the people

8. **A** With Napoleon Bonaparte seizing power in a coup in November 1799