1789 – 1799

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the French Revolution timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Storming of the Bastille**
On July 14, a Paris crowd storms the Bastille prison — a hated symbol of royal tyranny — and releases its prisoners.

☐ **The Reign of Terror**
Radical leader Maximilien Robespierre leads the Committee of Public Safety, executing thousands accused of being enemies of the Revolution.

☐ **The Terror Ends**
Members of the National Convention, fearing they were next, arrest and execute Robespierre, ending the Reign of Terror.

☐ **The National Assembly**
The commoners' representatives, locked out by the king, declare themselves the National Assembly and vow to write a new constitution.

☐ **France Goes to War**
France declares war on Austria and Prussia; a mob storms the royal palace and King Louis XVI is arrested.

☐ **Napoleon's Coup**
Napoleon seizes power in a coup on November 9, ending the Revolution.

☐ **The Directory**
A five-man committee called the Directory takes power, attempting to bring stability to post-Terror France.

☐ **The Estates-General Meets**
King Louis XVI calls the Estates-General — France's parliament of clergy, nobility, and commoners — for the first time since 1614.

☐ **Declaration of the Rights of Man**
The National Assembly adopts a declaration proclaiming that all men are born free and equal with rights to liberty, property, and security.

☐ **Napoleon's Campaigns**
General Napoleon Bonaparte wins a series of spectacular military victories in Italy and Egypt, making him the most famous man in France.

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