



Bastille Day Vocabulary

The 'Common People'

(These were the peasant workers, farmers, etc. who earned very little money.)

The Nobles

(The lords and ladies of French society – they owned a lot of land and properties.)

The Clergy

(The priests and bishops who controlled the Catholic Church in France.)

Le Roi

King Louis XVI

La Reine

Queen Marie Antoinette

Financial Crisis

(There was no money left for the country because the greedy, extravagant King and his friends had spent it all!)

The Storming of the Bastille

(The commoners hated this prison fortress because so many people were locked up unfairly.)

Le Drapeau Français

(The French tricoloured flag.)

Worker's Cap

(Lots of people started wearing these to show they were one of 'the people'.)

Rioters / Protestors

(The poor people were very angry so they marched in the streets and fought the soldiers.)

Starvation

(Poor people had very little to eat, but the rich had lots of good food.)

'Marianne'

(The national symbol of France – she represents liberty.)





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