

REVOLUTION ROADBLOCKS

Purpose

Many of the revolutions that began in 1848 started with energy and hope, but failed to accomplish their goals. Identifying some of the roadblocks to their success can help explain why sometimes revolutionaries were unable to create lasting change.

Process

1. Use the article "[The World Revolution of 1848](#)" to identify some of the problems faced by the revolutionaries of 1848. You can underline, circle, or highlight the problems in the article.
2. Think of the problems that revolutionaries faced as "roadblocks" on their road to revolution in 1848. Choose **one** of the roadblocks you found in the article and match it to a traffic warning sign. If you need some ideas, you can use one of these example warnings:

DEAD END (a problem that completely stopped the revolution, leaving no way forward)

CAUTION (an issue that made things more difficult but not impossible)

ROAD CLOSED (a major obstacle that blocked success temporarily, but didn't end the movement)

YIELD (a moment when revolutionaries hesitated or lost momentum)

ROUNDABOUT (a reoccurring issue faced by the revolutionaries)

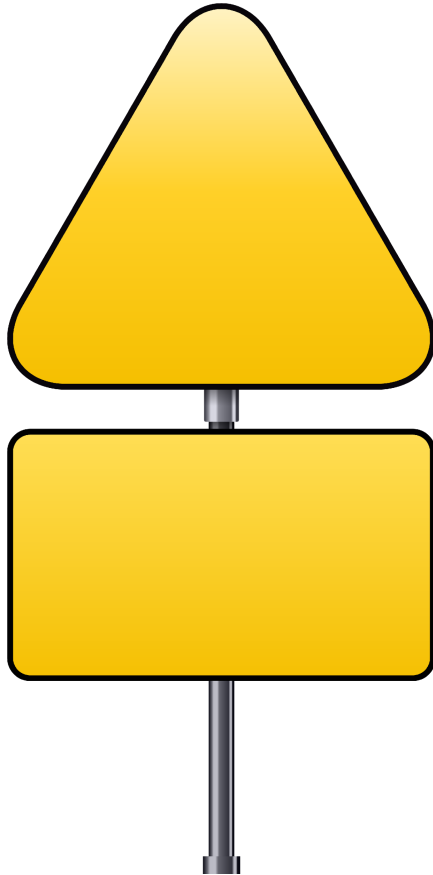
DETOUR (an unexpected problem that made the revolutionaries change plans)

ROUGH ROAD (an issue the revolutionaries faced head-on, but were greatly slowed down by)

3. On the next page, label your traffic sign with the warning and the specific problem that revolutionaries faced, and respond to the questions.



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What is a specific historical example from the article that proves this roadblock existed around 1848?

Why did this roadblock prevent revolutionary success?

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4. If you can, share your answers with classmates, and see the roadblocks they created.
5. If just one of these roadblocks had been removed, do you think the revolutions of 1848 could have succeeded? Why or why not? Write your answers below.

