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The French Revolution provides a captivating introduction to these events, leading students from the grandeur of Versailles as King Louis XVI wed the teenaged wonder, Marie Antoinette, through the dramatic culmination of the revolutionary period as thousands of dead were left in its wake.

Video Questions

1. Why did King Louis XIV build Versailles to be the capital of France?

2. The marriage of Louis Capet and Marie Antoinette was a political alliance between France and what other country?

4. Why did the French people have such negative feelings toward Marie Antoinette?

5. What was the heart of the French diet? Who was most affected when prices got too high?

6. What was the Bastille?

7. In response to the storming of the Bastille, what document does the National Assembly create?

8. One of the historians interviewed in this program calls the French Revolution "the crossroads of the modern world." What do you think this means? Do you agree with this claim?

9. At first, it seemed that King Louis XVI would cooperate with some of the demands of the Third Estate. Why do you think he ultimately reacted so violently against them?

10. What kind of leader was Robespierre? Do you think he did a good job of representing the wishes of the French people?

11. What was the role of women in the French Revolution?

12. How did the initial goals of the Revolution become so distorted during the "Reign of Terror"?

13. What do you think are the most important long-term effects of the French Revolution? What were its legacies?