

Chapter 1

The French Revolution

1. Describe the circumstance leading to the outbreak of revolution protest in France.

1. Social inequality, French society in 18th century was divided into 3 estate namely. The Clergy, the nobility and 3 estate which comprises peasants, officials and small business. It was only 3 estate who pay taxes. Clergy and nobility were exempt from taxes.

Subsistence crisis, The population of France also increased from 23 million in 1715 to 28 million in 1789. Food grain were now in great demand, price of bread shot up.

Wages did not keep pace with rising prices. This led to subsistence prices.

Economic problems, Long years of war had drained the financial resources of France.

to meet all regular expenses, such as the cost of maintaining an army, the court, running government offices or universities, the state was forced to increase taxes.