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Second Estate	Nobles or Wealthy Class 2% of French population	
Third Estate	Peasants, farmers, doctors, lawyers, merchants, and servants 97% of French population Paid almost all taxes	
Estates General	The Parliament (Congress) of France Made up of three estates (first, second, and third) Each estate got one vote when making decisions	
Marie Antoinette	Austrian Princess Queen of France during the 1770s and 1780s Spent lots of money Known as “Madame Deficit”	
King Louis XVI	King of France during the 1770s and 1780s Weak and unpopular leader Wasn't interested in governing Inherited a huge debt from his father, Louis XV	

Old Regime

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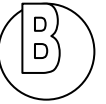
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