

Revolution Dawns

Estates General = Meeting of all three Estates at Versailles
France faced debt and bankruptcy because of the costly wars/spending by the King and Queen

Members of the Third Estate wanted...

- 1) All of the Estates to meet together in the same room
- 2) Allow each representative to vote (one vote/person)

Voting in the Estates General

- Each Estate met in separate rooms
- Each Estate could cast 1 vote for all of its representatives (the 3rd Estate would get outvoted 2-1)



**** The 3rd Estate's representatives were mostly members of the *BOURGEOISIE***

- They were educated and influenced by the Enlightenment
- They wanted drastic changes in the government and how the Third Estate was represented

National Assembly =

- The 3rd Estate broke away from the Estates General and formed their own law-making body



They created the National Assembly to:

- 1) Form a representative form of government
- 2) End the Absolute Monarchy

*****Creating the National Assembly was the 1st act of Revolution**

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Tennis Court Oath =

Three days after the National Assembly was formed ...

- The National Assembly was locked out of their meeting room
- They decided to meet in a nearby indoor tennis court
- They vowed not to leave Versailles until a new Constitution was formed to govern France



Storming of the Bastille



- The citizens of Paris took control of the Bastille 'prison' and tore it down
July 14, 1789 -- recognized as the '*Independence Day*' of France
This is "A great symbolic act of Revolution"

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