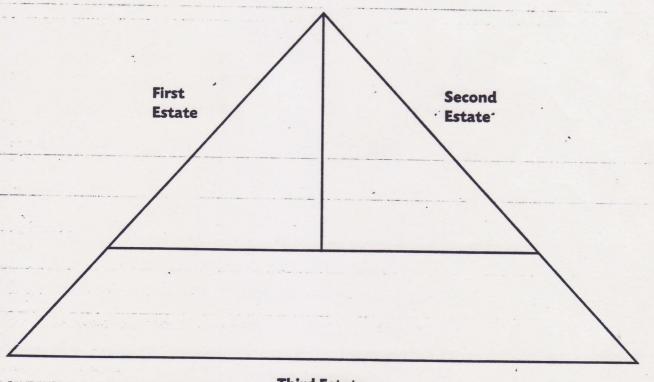
## The French Revolution

The increasingly bitter division of French society in the late 1700s was a fundamental cause of the French Revolution. Understanding these divisions, then, is essential to your understanding of this turning point in history. To help you understand the divisions of French society, complete the activity below.

- 1. What were the estates?
- 2. Complete the diagram by copying each phrase into the appropriate space below.
  - comprised about 1 percent of the population
  - comprised about 2 percent of the population
  - comprised about 97 percent of the population
  - held high posts in government and the military
  - made up of higher and lower Roman Catholic clergy
  - · made up of nobility
  - made up of peasants, artisans, and the bourgeoisie

- · main income was feudal dues
- most were very poor
- · often enjoyed grand lifestyles paid for by tithe money
- owned 10 percent of French land
- owned 25 percent of French land
- owned 65 percent of French land



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