**FRENCH REVOLUTION—FIRST STAGE**

**First Stage (1789-1793)**

* King Louis XVI desired raising new taxes
  + to stabilize economy
* King called the Estates General
  + 3 estates = 3 classes
  + Made up of members from the Three Estates
  + Each estate had one vote
  + Not met for 150 years
  + Needed to meet

**The Estates-General Meets**

* The matter at hand was taxes
* The King intended for the Third Estate to be there as a Symbol,
  + No power
  + The Third Estate wanted to meet as one body, and 1 vote per person
* Finally met in Spring 1789
  + 1st & 2nd Estate voted against 3rd Estate
  + 2 to 1 vote
  + 3rd Estate walked out
  + Not being allowed to air their grievances, the Third Estate moved to the Tennis Court
    - Now the National Assembly

**National Assembly (1789-1793)**

* 3rd Estate met in indoor tennis court
  + Resolved to stay in session until constitution could be written
* King couldn’t get money
  + King instructed 1st and 2nd estates to meet with National Assembly
* 3rd estate doubled their numbers
* 1st and 2nd sat on right, 3rd sat on left
* Locked out of the Estates-General, the National Assembly signed the Tennis Court Oath
  + They agreed not to separate till there was a new constitution for France
* The King supported both sides at the same time
* The Estates-General no longer exist, as of 9, July 1789
* National Assembly consists of all equal men

**Fall of the Bastille**

* Events at Bastille Prison
  + July 14, 1789
  + Municipal government trying to get arms
* Revolts in the countryside

**Actions of the Assembly**

* Destruction of privilege (nobility)
* *Declaration of the Rights of Man*
* Secularization of the Church
* New Constitution



**The First Stage**