**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**