



The French Revolution brought on new ideas and reforms. Reforms are changes. Many governments today are influenced by the French Revolution.

The French Revolution began on July 14, 1789. Revolutionaries stormed the Bastille. The Bastille was a jail. The French Revolution ended in November 1799. General Napoleon Bonaparte overthrew the revolutionary government. He made himself the leader.

The French Revolution was not a good time for the **noble** class. Nobles were rich. The Revolution changed France. It ended the French monarchy. It ended the French social class system. It took power away from the Catholic church.

The French Revolution also changed the world. Monarchies lost power. Governments led by the people became popular. Women were granted more rights. **Slavery** was questioned. Slavery is a system in which people are forced to work without pay.