

Reteaching Activity II

The French Revolution and Napoleon

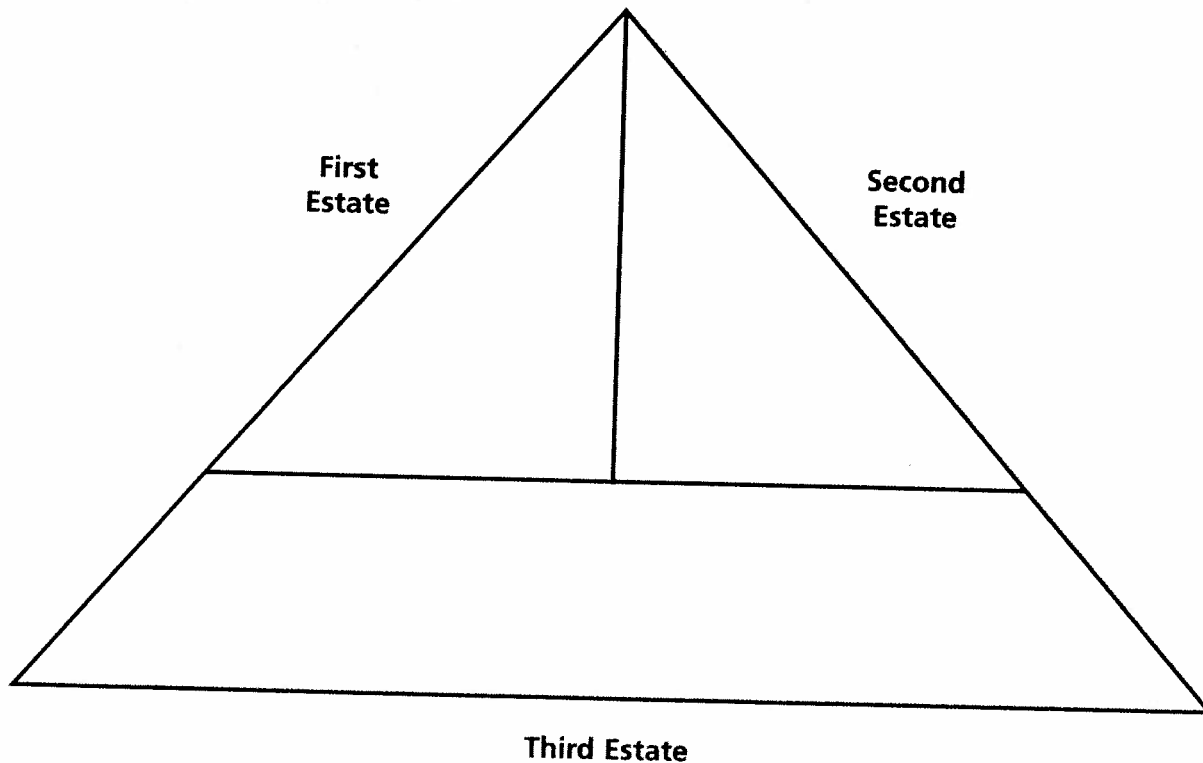
The increasingly bitter division of French society in the late 1700s was a fundamental cause of the French Revolution. Understanding these divisions, then, is essential to your understanding of this turning point in history.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the question below. Then complete the pyramid by copying each phrase into the appropriate space below.

1. What were the estates? _____

2. Description of estates:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• comprised about .5 percent of the population• comprised about 1.5 percent of the population• comprised about 98 percent of the population• held high posts in government and the military• made up of higher and lower clergy• made up of nobility | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• made up of peasants and the bourgeoisie• most were very poor• owned 10 percent of French land• owned 25 percent of French land• owned 65 percent of French land |
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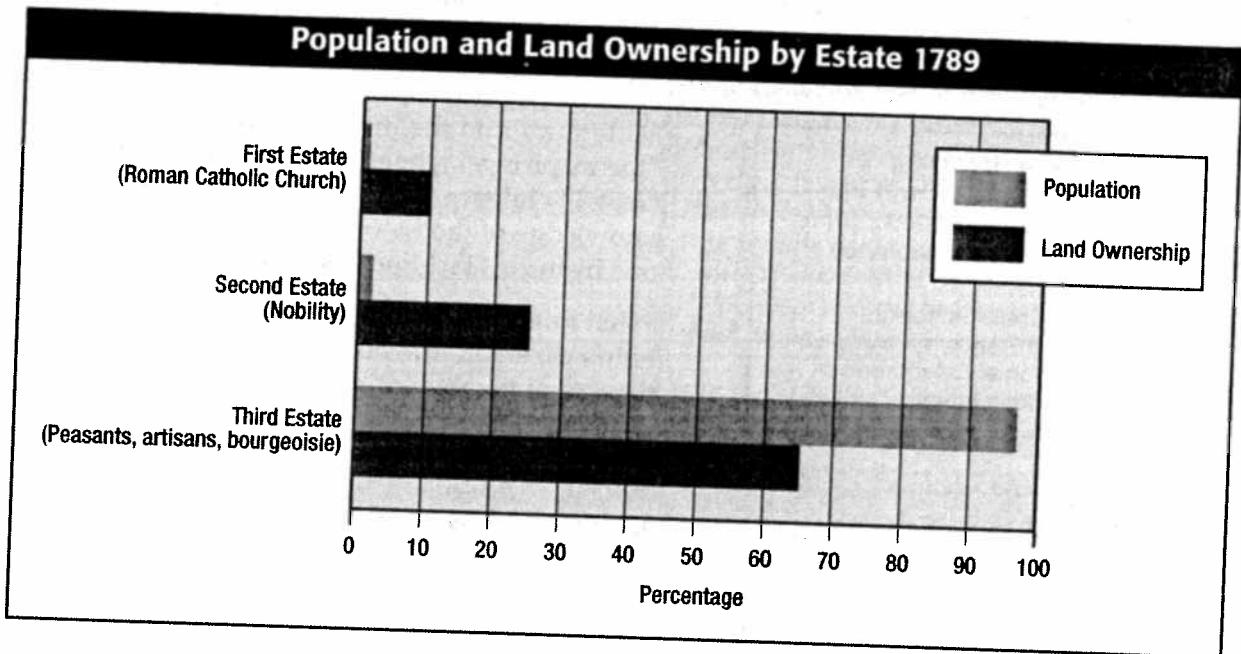
Skills Reinforcement Activity 11

Interpreting Graphs

Graphs can show a great deal of information in a single, easy-to-read format. To interpret a graph, follow these steps:

First, read the title. Then, read the captions and text. Finally, determine the relationships among all sections of the graph.

DIRECTIONS: The graph below illustrates an important aspect of the situation in France just prior to the revolution. Read the graph below. Then answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.



1. What does the horizontal axis of the graph represent?
2.
 - a. What percentage of the French population comprised the First Estate?
 - b. What percentage of land did they own?
3.
 - a. What percentage of the French population comprised the Second Estate?
 - b. What percentage of land did they own?
4.
 - a. Calculate the percentage of the French population that comprised the Third Estate. Write the value on the graph.
 - b. Calculate the percentage of land owned by the Third Estate. Write the value on the graph.
5. Why was land a good measure of wealth at this time?
6. Which estate had the greatest land ownership in proportion to its population?
7.
 - a. How was the relationship between population and land ownership fundamentally different in the Third Estate?
 - b. How might this fact have helped lead to the revolution?