



# French Revolution

*Issues that caused it*

# THREE ESTATES

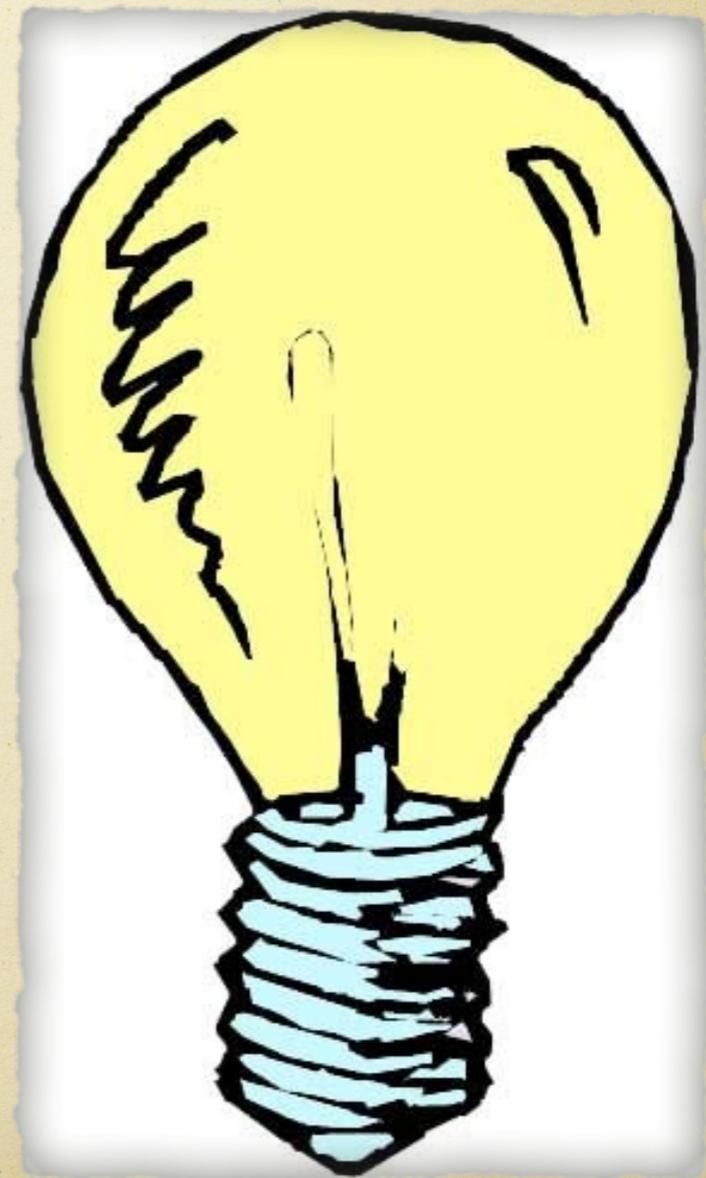
- First Estate: made up of the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church
- Second Estate: made up of rich nobles held highest offices in government
- Third Estates: included bourgeoisie, urban lower class, and peasant farmers



# ENLIGHTENMENT

## IDEAS

- People began to question long-standing notions about the structure of society
- American revolution success inspired the people
- People began using words like equality, liberty, & democracy



# Economic Crisis

- Expanding population
- Bad weather and crop failures
- Cost of living rose
- Extravagant spending by the king and queen



# Weak Leadership

- Louis XVI was indecisive
- Paid little attention to his government advisers
- Marie spent a lot of money on material things such as jewelry and clothing.

