

CHAPTER 19

A REVOLUTION IN POLITICS: THE ERA OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEON

CHAPTER OUTLINE

- I. The Beginnings of the Revolutionary Era: The American Revolution
 - A. The War for Independence
 - B. Forming a New Nation
 - C. The Impact of the American Revolution on Europe
- II. Background to the French Revolution
 - A. Social Structure of the Old Regime
 - 1. The First Estate
 - 2. The Second Estate
 - 3. The Third Estate
 - B. Other Problems Facing the French Monarchy
 - 1. Ideas of the Philosophes
 - 2. Failure to Make Reforms
 - 3. Financial Crisis
- III. The French Revolution
 - A. From Estates-General to a National Assembly
 - 1. The National Assembly
 - 2. Intervention of the Common People
 - 3. Peasant Rebellions and the Great Fear
 - B. Destruction of the Old Regime
 - 1. The Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen
 - 2. The Women's March to Versailles
 - 3. The Catholic Church
 - 4. A New Constitution
 - 5. Opposition from Within
 - 6. Opposition from Abroad
 - C. The Radical Revolution
 - 1. Domestic Crises
 - 2. Foreign Crisis
 - 3. A Nation in Arms
 - 4. The Committee of Public Safety and the Reign of Terror
 - 5. The "Republic of Virtue"
 - 6. The Role of Women
 - 7. Dechristianization and the New Calendar
 - 8. Equality and Slavery
 - 9. Decline of the Committee of Public Safety
 - D. Reaction and the Directory
- IV. The Age of Napoleon
 - A. The Rise of Napoleon
 - 1. Napoleon's Military Career

- 2. Napoleon in Control
- B. The Domestic Policies of Emperor Napoleon
 - 1. Napoleon and the Catholic Church
 - 2. A New Code of Laws
 - 3. The French Bureaucracy
 - 4. Napoleon's Growing Despotism
- C. Napoleon's Empire and the European Response
 - 1. Napoleon's Grand Empire
 - 2. The Problem of Great Britain
 - 3. Nationalism
 - 4. The Fall of Napoleon
- V. Conclusion