

Directions for Creating a Storybook About the French Revolution

1. You and a partner will create an illustrated children's storybook that chronicles major events of the French Revolution and describes how the revolution contributed to the rise of democracy. It should be written in simple, clear language so that a 10-year-old could read and enjoy it.
2. Your storybook will contain ideas generated on Student Handout 1.4B and will include these features:
 - a. A visually appealing cover with an appropriate title.
 - b. A brief introduction that describes the conditions in France in the late 1780s.
 - c. Sections on each of these six events: the meeting of the Estates General, the Tennis Court Oath, the storming of the Bastille, the march on Versailles, the Reign of Terror, and the rise of Napoleon.
 - d. Each section must contain 1) an illustration of the event, 2) thought or voice bubbles coming from characters in the illustration, 3) a summary describing how the event related to the French Revolution, 4) a brief explanation of whether the event represented a step toward democracy, and 5) use of all the vocabulary in the word banks that appear on Student Handout 1.4B.
 - e. A brief conclusion that explains how the events of the French Revolution contributed to the growth of democracy.
 - f. Additional touches to make the storybook artistic and visually appealing—use of color, page numbers, additional visuals or graphics, and the like.
3. Your storybooks may be designed with stapled or bound paper or on a larger piece of tagboard or butcher paper. They should be written in ink or typed.