**French Revolution Documentary Viewing Guide**

1. Why is France in a bad economic condition?
2. How was the Enlightenment a threat to the class system?
3. How was the American Revolution a direct and indirect cause of the French Revolution?
4. Why is Marie Antoinette hated by the public?
5. Why is the system of the Estates-General fundamentally unfair?
6. What was the significance of the Tennis Court Oath?
7. Why was the storming of the Bastille of both practical and symbolic significance?
8. What is the “Declaration of the Rights of Man” similar to in American history?
9. What was the significance of the king and queen being forced to move to Paris?
10. What was the result of the king and queen trying to leave France?
11. Why was the guillotine seen as humane?
12. What larger difficulty is France having during the Revolution? Why did foreign countries want to protect the French monarchy?
13. Who were the sans-culottes? What impact do they have on the Revolution?
14. Why did the Revolution turn from Enlightenment ideals to massacre?
15. Do you think Marat was responsible for the violence of the Revolution or the violence responsible for creating Marat?
16. Why is Marie Antoinette executed?
17. Describe the freedoms (or lack of) enjoyed in the “Terror”. What does the new form of government make you think of?
18. Why did the revolution target the Catholic Church? To what extent do they try to eliminate its influence?
19. Why does Robespierre see “Terror” as a good thing?
20. Why were there not more political moderates to oppose Robespierre’s paranoia?
21. How was Robespierre’s death the ultimate irony?
22. What was the ultimate result of the Revolution?