

Governments of France During the Revolution

Government	Date	Type of Government	Major Events	Important People
Old Regime	up to 1791	Absolute Monarchy	Financial collapse, unemployment, food shortages, high taxes	Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette
National Assembly	1789-1791	Third Estate	Storming of the Bastille, abolished rights of landlords and fiscal privileges of clergy, adopted Declaration of Rights of Man, wrote constitution	Olympe de Gouges
Legislative Assembly	1791-1792	Constitutional Monarchy, 745 representatives, mostly the affluent	War with Austria	
National Convention	1792-1794	Dominated by lawyers, professionals, property owners	Abolish monarchy, establish republic, execute king	Maximilien Robespierre
(Committee of Public Safety)	(1793-1794)	(gave power to special committee)	(Reign of Terror)	
Directory	1795-1799	Five directors as executive authority, relied on military	Era of corruption and graft	
Consulate	1799-1815	Dictatorship (Emperor)	Code Napoléon, Grand Army, Conquest of Europe	Napoleon Bonaparte