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| Subject | A Level History Unit 2 – France in Revolution |
| Context | <p>These activities are designed to introduce you to the subject matter of France in Revolution. This will ensure that you begin the course in September with an understanding of the ‘Big Picture’ of this revolutionary period, laying the foundations for our course by exploring what France was like before the Revolution and enabling you to visualise its impact through an exploration of the way in which it shaped art and culture.</p> <p>Guidance on each of the activities is provided within the ‘Bridging Materials Activities Pack’</p> |
| Securing | <p>Section 1: The Big Picture of France in Revolution By completing the activities in this section, you will not only gain an overview of how events developed over time, you will also get a sense of the changing nature of the revolutionary period, which will enable you to lay secure foundations for your A Level.</p> <p>Read through the information in the central column which tells the story of the development of the French revolution. Give each period a ‘headline’ – this should be a few words which you feel summarises that particular period – and summarise each period in a maximum of 3 bullet points.</p> |
| Processing | <p>Section 2: France before the Revolution Use the information scan, and your own research if you are investigating the topics listed under ‘more challenging’, to produce a one-two page summary of the <i>Ancien Regime</i>. It is up to you how you present your findings; aim to include images and charts as these will be useful in helping you to understand and remember the key information.</p> <p>Essential content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of the Ancien Regime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette ○ Versailles and the royal court (you will find it useful to explore the website for the Palace of Versailles to get a sense of its grandeur and history: http://en.chateauversailles.fr/discover) ○ How the government worked and the problems the government faced • Social system of the Ancien Regime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of the estates system ○ Summary of the key details, responsibilities and privileges of each of the three estates ○ Impact of this social system on the financial and economic problems of France <p>More challenging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the Church and religion in France before the Revolution • France’s position in the world and international relations in the 18th Century • Intellectual context of the French Revolution – the Age of Enlightenment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.sparknotes.com/history/european/enlightenment/section3/ ○ https://alphahistory.com/frenchrevolution/enlightenment/ |
| Exploring | <p>Section 3: The Cultural Impact of France in Revolution</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ‘The French Revolution: Tearing up History’ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Watch the documentary about the cultural impact of the French revolutionary period, researched and presented by art historian Dr Richard Clay, using this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bTQv9ESk2c&t=2910s |

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| | <p>b) Answer the questions in Section 3 of your pack in as much detail as you can.</p> <p>2. You will find a short list of videos, podcasts and books the 'Additional recommendations' section of the activities pack to further immerse yourself in the revolutionary period.</p> |
| Reviewing | Based on the work that you have completed, write down 5 questions that you would like to ask your teacher about the French revolutionary period in your first lesson |