






Year 5 Knowledge Organiser- History- The French Revolution

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Revolution	A time when people, ruled or governed by a power, overthrow that power and try to change how people live and work.
Absolute Monarchy	When a King or Queen is in complete control and doesn't need to follow any rules or laws.
Republic	A country governed by elected representatives, not by a King or Queen.
Clergy	People who have a role within the Church, e.g. Catholic Priest
Nobles	Wealthy people from families who are considered important.
Debt	A sum of money that is owed.
Exile	When a person is banned from living in a country, often used as a punishment.
Allied	Joined together, countries sometimes join together to fight in wars.
The Bastille	A prison in Paris used by the French Kings.
Battle of Trafalgar	A battle that took place off the coast of Spain between the French and the British navy. It was won by the British admiral, Nelson, who defeated Napoleon and prevented a French invasion of Britain.
Battle of Waterloo	A battle that took place in what is now Belgium between the French and the allied forces of Germany, Britain and Holland. The Duke of Wellington was victorious, and Napoleon was defeated.

King Louis XVI	Marie Antoinette	Napoleon	Horatio Nelson	Duke of Wellington
				
Crowned King of France in 1774. An absolute monarch. Beheaded in 1793.	Became queen of France when her husband became King. Beheaded in 1793.	Hugely successful military leader who became emperor of France. Died in exile on the island of St Helena.	British admiral in the Royal Navy who defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Trafalgar, preventing an invasion.	British army general who defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo.

Timeline

