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It is essential that you read the chapters thoroughly and not just look for the answers. You will be accountable for all of the material in the chapter even if it is not in the questions.

*Chapter 19 A Revolution in Politics: The Era of the French Revolution and Napoleon*

**The Beginning of the Revolutionary Era: The American Revolution**

1. Based on the introduction to the chapter, why do you think the French Revolution is considered by some to be the "single most important event in European history"? 2-3 sentences
2. Explain how the British and the American view of the Parliament was the key to starting the American Revolution.
3. What difficulties did the Americans have to overcome to win the American Revolution?
4. What impact did the wide social spectrum of support for the patriots have after the war?
5. Why would the Europeans help the Americans against the British?
6. Primary Source: pg. 574 **The Argument for Independence**, Declaration of Independence
7. What Enlightenment ideas are found in the Declaration of Independence?
8. What influence did John Locke’s theory of revolution have on the American Declaration of Independence?
9. How would a member of the British Parliament have responded to this declaration?
10. Why did many European intellectuals see the American Revolution as the embodiment of the Enlightenment’s political dreams?
11. What did the success of the American Revolution mean for the people in Europe?
12. How did the American Revolution impact France?

**Background to the French Revolution**

1. Describe who made up the First Estate and what was their role in society?
2. Describe who made up the Second Estate and what was their role in society?
3. Describe the who made up each part of the Third Estate:
4. Peasants-
5. Skilled artisans, shopkeepers, and other wage earners in the city-
6. Bourgeoisie-
7. Describe why each part of the Third Estate was angry at the current system.
8. Peasants-
9. Skilled artisans, shopkeepers, and other wage earners in the city-
10. Bourgeoisie-
11. What similarities existed between the wealthier bourgeoisie and the nobility?
12. Why would some historians argue with the statement that the French Revolution was the result of the conflict between two rigid orders, the bourgeoisie and the nobility?
13. What economic problems were France going through in the 1780s?
14. What impact did the philosophes ideas have on the French Revolution?
15. What problem did King Louis have with the Parlement law courts?
16. Describe the financial crisis France faced in 1787?