

# THE FRENCH REVOLUTION INTERACTIVE

## What caused the French Revolution?

### SOURCE 1

A financial crisis started the chain of events that led up to the upheaval of 1789. For several years the royal government had covered its debts with loans.

*From 'Voices of the French Revolution', by R. Cobb and C. Jones.*

### SOURCE 2

French involvement in the American War of Independence (1776-83) was enormously expensive and helped to bring about the bankruptcy of the French.

*From 'Past into Present' by M. Carter and N. Kinloch, 1989.*

### SOURCE 3

The break with the past came when the Convention voted for the execution of the King in January 1793.

*From 'History of the World' by J. Roberts, 1980.*

### TASKS

Read Sources 1-3

1. What 3 causes of the French Revolution are written about in these sources?
2. What causes are not mentioned?