
Historical Parallels - France and Russia

Historians sometimes look at similarities in countries and historical events. This does not mean that two places or times are identical, but that they share similarities. I've given an example of a historical parallel below for #1. Add your own historical parallels to France and Russia below.

1. France was ruled by an absolute monarch for many centuries. Tsarist Russia was similar because the Tsars were kings and queens who controlled Russia for hundreds of years.

2. In France members of the Second Estate owned huge amounts of land. Members of France's Second Estate were similar to the _____ in Tsarist Russia because _____.

3. France's largest group were the peasants. They were similar to the _____ in Tsarist Russia because _____.

4. In France in 1789 middle class members of the Third Estate formed a National Assembly, calling for a Constitution and a limited monarchy. These Frenchmen were similar to the _____ in Tsarist Russia, who were calling for _____.

5. The Jacobins in France sought to end the French monarchy through violence, they were similar to the _____ in Tsarist Russia because _____.

Write your own historical parallel about events in France and events in Tsarist Russia.

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Make a prediction: What do you think will happen in Tsarist Russia?

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