**EQ: How did rights evolve in France between 1770 and 1789?**

* + **Outline the evolution of the rights of the Third Estate**
* French soldiers saw the *American Revolution* and were inspired to do something to get their own rights.
* The ideas of the *Enlightenment* made people realize that everyone regardless of social class had rights.
* 3rd Estate had the least amount of rights
  + Paid most taxes
  + 97% of population
  + Least amount of land
  + No protection under the law-unfair trails
  + No bread due to heat wave and drought.
* 3rd Estate became angry over the inequality and stormed the Bastille.
* 3rd Estate had no political power in Estates General so they created the National Assembly.
* Eventually the 3rd Estate gained enough power that they executed Louis XIV and Marie and overthrew the government.