

4.4 Causes of the French Revolution

I. Primary Causes

A. Why was there great unrest (trouble) in France?

- a. High _____ and High _____
- b. _____
- c. Weak Leadership
- d. Old Regime _____

B. Economic Problems

- _____ - King borrowed money to help Americans during their revolution
- _____ hurt business
- High cost of _____
- _____ led to food prices doubling and _____
- Louis and his wife _____ spent a lot on themselves (her nickname was "Madame Deficit")
- The king and queen spent the money on themselves

C. Enlightenment Ideas

- Spread by the educated of the _____ Estate..._____ will lead the French Revolution
- Believed in _____ and _____ (Locke, _____, Montesquieu)
- All men have _____ (Locke)
- Inspired the _____ Revolution
- Believed in a democratic govt. and democratic elections..._____ for all!
- _____ should be in the _____ !

D. A Weak Leader

- Louis paid little attention to _____ and big issues...he avoided the problems and did not focus on govt. duties
- Instead of fixing crisis he let it happen!

Q: How to raise funds?

A: _____

-BUT – Aristocrats/Noblemen (_____) resisted and called for general meeting of all 3 estates = _____

-GOAL - to deal with the problems France faced

E. Old Regime (Estate System)

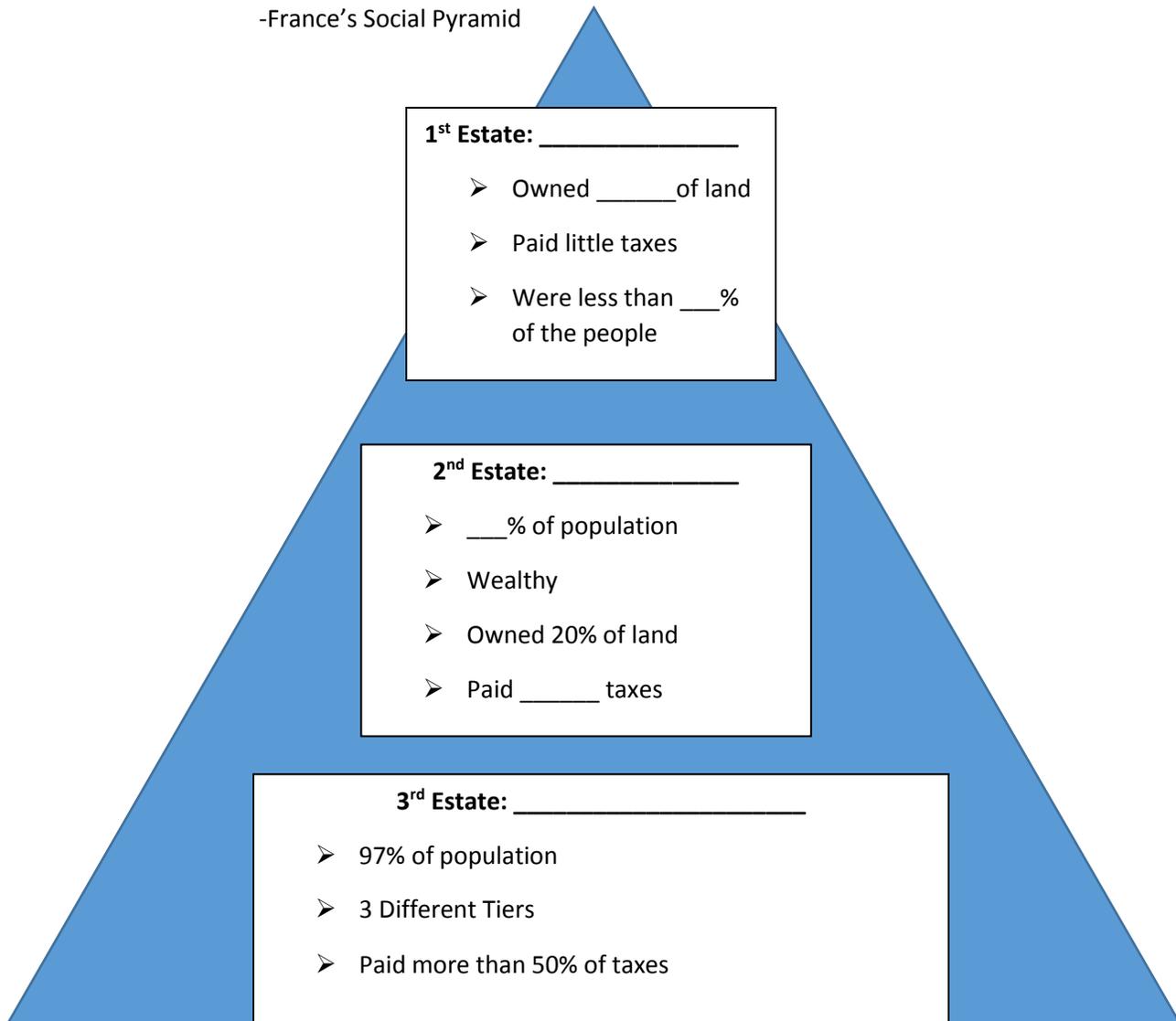
-Ranking of the people into _____ (is a hold over from the Middle Ages)

-Three Estates- 3rd estate _____ and had _____ in government. Made up 97% of the French!

-Wanted democracy and rights for all (3rd)

-First estate _____ the ideas of the _____

-France's Social Pyramid



II. Estates General

-Third Estate Gets Tough!

-Demands National Assembly to _____!

-Third Estate Gets _____ Out!

-Moves to _____ court and VOWS not to leave until a new
_____ is written – they take the “_____”