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Marie Antoinette Facts

Her foolishness is at its height when she meets a Swedish count, Axel de Fersen.

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In 1787 during a very problematic famine, she sold off the royal flatware to buy grain for those in need. He was allowed to spend a few hours with his wife, son, daughter and sister before being led to the guillotine on January 21 and executed before a crowd estimated at 20,000.

Marie Antoinette with a Rose

The next day, news that the union had not been consummated spread through the court. On 5 October, a and forced the royal family to move to the in Paris, where they lived under a form of house arrest under the watch of Lafayette's Garde Nationale, while the Comte de Provence and were allowed to reside in the , where they remained until they went into exile on 20 June 1791. Marie Antoinette was instrumental in the reinstatement of as Finance Minister on 26 August, a popular move, even though she herself was worried that it would go against her if Necker proved unsuccessful in reforming the country's finances.

10 Things You May Not Know About Marie Antoinette

Mozart was the same age then and just 2 months younger than her.

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