**The French Revolution**

-France was one of the most powerful and conservative nations in the world.

-Europe’s first experiment in popular democracy

-How can Will the People be represented politically?

-The will to be demonstrated and be represented politically

-Anciem Regime

* Aristocracy
  + Those who were born in wealth
* Louis XIV: “I am the state”
* Middle Class
  + Commoners who resent aristocratic privileges of their superiors
* Semi-feudal
* Absolute Monarchy
* Influenced by the English people revolution

-Why France:

Aristocratic Excess:

* Feudal rights
* Tax exemption
* No military function

Fiscal Crisis:

* Expenditure on American Revolution
* Refusal of Nobles to submit taxation

----Something that I lost----

Storming of the Bastille, July 14, 1789