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CL3 On Revolution
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Answer at least five of the following questions:

1. What is the origin of the word "revolution"?
How was the word originally used in political language?
2. Identify the following dates:
The 14th of July
The 9th of Thermidore
The 18th of Brumaire
3. Who wrote The Rights of Man?
Who wrote Reflections on the French Revolution?
What was the connection between the two books?
4. Who was Crevecoeur? Give title of his book.
5. Enumerate some authors and books that played a role in the revolutions?
6. What is the difference between absolutism and a "limited monarchy"?
7. Who is the author of The Spirit of the Laws?
8. Which author had the greatest influence on the men of the French Revolution?
9. What is meant by the phrase "state of nature"?
10. The following words are of Greek origin; give their English equivalent:
monarchy -- oligarchy -- aristocracy -- democracy.

Write a short essay of no more than four pages on one of the following topics:

1. It is a main thesis of R. R. Palmer's The Age of the Democratic Revolution that "the American Revolution was an event within an Atlantic civilization as a whole." Explain and discuss.
2. Clinton Rossiter asserts that "America's debt to the idea of social contract is so huge as to defy measurement." Explain and discuss.
3. Differences and similarities between the American and the French Revolution.
4. Comment on possible meanings of the phrase: Pursuit of happiness.
5. Describe Melville's attitude to the French Revolution in Billy Budd.
6. The American Revolution -- was there any?