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The French Revolution

The increasingly bitter division of French society in the late 1700s was a fundamental cause of the French Revolution. Understanding these divisions, then, is essential to your understanding of this turning point in history. To help you understand the divisions of French society, complete the activity below.

1. What were the estates? _____

2. Complete the diagram by copying each phrase into the appropriate space below.

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| • comprised about 1 percent of the population | • main income was feudal dues |
| • comprised about 2 percent of the population | • most were very poor |
| • comprised about 97 percent of the population | • often enjoyed grand lifestyles paid for by tithe money |
| • held high posts in government and the military | • owned 10 percent of French land |
| • made up of higher and lower Roman Catholic clergy | • owned 25 percent of French land |
| • made up of nobility | • owned 65 percent of French land |
| • made up of peasants, artisans, and the bourgeoisie | |

