Chapter 7 Section 2
The Great Fear

Setting the Stage: Before long, the unrest in Paris began to spread to the countryside. Fearful that King Louis and the noble class were plotting to terrorize and intimidate the peasants, the third estate began arming themselves and looked to protect their homes and families.

Fear Strikes the Countryside
The wave of senseless panic led by the Third Estate became known as the _______________ _______________. The peasants in the countryside armed themselves with pikes and other farm tools and attacked the noble class. They destroyed legal documents that bound them to the land and burned the manor homes of the privileged.

In October of 1789, the women who worked in the fish markets of Paris, known as the _______________, rioted over the rising price of ________________. Armed with scaling knives and axes, they marched to Versailles and demanded that the king and queen return to Paris and deal the financial crisis faced by the people of France. King Louis and Marie Antoinette would never see their lavish palace again.

The National Assembly Reforms France
The fear of violence by the 3rd Estate convinced many in the privileged estates to remove their special privileges. Soon, the Old Regime was dead.

The National Assembly soon adopted a statement of their revolutionary ideals – the Declaration of the _______________ of Man and of the _______________. It declared that men were born free and equal in rights.

Many members of the nobility and advisors close to the King felt the growing tension in France created an unsafe environment and fled the country. Fearful for his future as King of France, Louis decided to try and escape to _______________. He was captured near the border, and his attempted escape further tarnished his reputation as a flawed leader.

Further Divisions
After much debate, the National Assembly approved a new constitution, creating a limited ________________ monarchy. Louis reluctantly approved, which stripped him of most of his powers. A new government body was created that had the power to make new laws – the Legislative Assembly. King Louis still had the power to enforce the laws.

Despite the progress made, there was still division both in the Legislative Assembly and in French society. Some individuals, mostly nobles who fled France called _________________, looked to restore the Old Regime. Another group of Parisian shop keepers and urban workers wanted more radical changes in France. This group, known as the ______-_______________, began to gain power on the street of Paris.