# The Trial of King Louis XVI

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(keep track of group members attendance)
Group Roles Sheet

- **Technology Person:** collect and return iPads

- **Maintain Group Folder:** Ensure all documents, checklists are completed & fills in attendance

- **Records:** Writes down group notes, creates and shares Google Docs file with partners and me!

- **Reporter:** Meets with Ms. Robles each day to discuss group progress, questions, and relays feedback

Research Roles

- **Defense Lawyer**

- **Prosecution Lawyer**

- **King Louis XVI**

- **Judge and Jury:**
Group Research Questions- ONLY ONE SHEET PER GROUP

Identify 4 causes of the French Revolution and **cite evidence!!!** To do this, quote it and then explain it in your own words. Each group member should take ownership of one of the causes and one of the questions. **MAKE SURE TO INITIAL BY THE QUESTIONS YOU COMPLETED!!!!!**

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What are the total number of charges against King Louis XVI?

Research 4 of the charges:

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When did the real trial of King Louis take place?

What was the King’s name when he was on trial- why did they do that?

What was the outcome of the trial?
Name ____________________________________________

Research Profile Sheet

Use the links provided on the WebQuest Site to answer the following questions.

Role: Defense Lawyer

Define your role:

Defense: First you will make an attack against the accusers (like Robespierre). From the sheet of evidence and your own research about this matter, you will prepare a powerful speech and convincing arguments that should make the jury believe that Louis XVI is indeed innocent of all charges.

- Why is Louis not to blame for all the bad things in France?

- What kind of person was Louis?
• Why did Louis try to escape France?

• How did Louis feel about Enlightenment ideas? Which Ideas and what does that mean about him? 5

In addition to your lines in the skit...Write a opening speech for King Louis XVI, highlighting his innocence (3-5 sentences)

Challenge Question (only complete if you have extra class time or for homework). What was the role of the defense during the real trial of King Louis XVI?
Name ________________________________

Research Profile Sheet

Use the links provided on the WebQuest Site to answer the following questions.

Role: Prosecution Lawyer

Define your role:

Prosecution: You will prepare powerful and convincing arguments to make the jury believe that Louis XVI is indeed a villain and a man ready for the guillotine. In your speech you should include the following:

- Describe the King and his family’s contribution to putting France in debt.

- How was Louis as a leader?
• Explain Louis treatment of the 3rd Estate.

• other relevant materials and arguments for the King's guilty verdict

In addition to your lines in the skit...Write a opening speech against King Louis XVI, highlighting his guilt (3-5 sentences)

Challenge Question (only complete if you have extra class time or for homework). Who (can be more than one person) was in the prosecution for the real trial of King Louis XVI?
Name ____________________________

Research Profile Sheet

Use the links provided on the WebQuest Site to answer the following questions.

Role: King Louis XVI

Define your role:

Louis XVI: The King will speak at the end of the trial about himself. He will argue for his life, but not beg for it. You want to include the following:

- Describe how you became the King of France.

- Explain why you felt it was necessary to try and sneak out of France.
• Explain your support for the enlightened ideas and the American Revolution

• Explain how the people of France falsely accused you of overspending and living a high lifestyle

In addition to your lines in the skit...Write a closing speech for King Louis XVI, highlighting his innocence and final words (3-5 sentences)

Challenge Question (only complete if you have extra class time or for homework). Create a mini family tree of King Louis XVI wife, children, father, and siblings.
Use the links provided on the WebQuest Site to answer the following questions.

**Role:** Judge

**Define your role:**

**Judge:** The defense and prosecution each present their arguments and evidence and you will make a final decision whether Louis XVI is guilty or not guilty. You will have to weigh all the evidence carefully, as this trial is about life and death of a monarch!

- What is the evidence against the King?

- What is the evidence for the King's innocence?
• How were people executed during the French Revolution and WHY?

• How did other countries react to pronouncing King Louis XVI guilty?

In addition to your lines in the skit...Write a closing speech about the trial and your final decision to execute the King (3-5 sentences)

Challenge Question (only complete if you have extra class time or for homework). Who were the Girondins and the Jacobins?. 
FOLDER CHECKLIST:

- FOLDER COVER SHEET
  - PERIOD
  - NAMES
  - ATTENDANCE
- GROUP RESEARCH SHEET
  - EACH MEMBER HAS 2 QUESTIONS ANSWERED
  - EACH MEMBER HAS INITIALED BY THEIR NAMES
- PROSECUTION RESEARCH
- DEFENSE RESEARCH
- KING LOUIS XVI RESEARCH
- JUDGE RESEARCH
- GROUP QUIZ
Script Layout

**Trial of King Louis XVI**

**Characters**

Prosecution Lawyer: NAME OF CHARACTER - Written by STUDENT NAME HERE  
Prosecution Witness: NAME OF CHARACTER- Written by STUDENT NAME HERE  
Defense Lawyer: NAME OF CHARACTER: - Written by STUDENT NAME HERE  
Defense Witness: NAME OF CHARACTER- Written by STUDENT NAME HERE

**Set the Scene**
(What should the audience be envisioning?)

CHARACTER 1: Write their lines here  
(Make sure to skip a line between characters!)  
CHARACTER 2: Write their lines here

...continue this until you have 2 pages, make sure all characters are equally represented here.