



## Pathfinder: The French Revolution

This pathfinder is to help you with research for French history, Napoleon and the French Revolution.

**Search Tools:** When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. You can access our catalog via the high school's website [www.keene.k12.nh.us/](http://www.keene.k12.nh.us/) from any computer in or out of school.

**Introductory Materials:** Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

**Terms and Keywords:** Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try word(s) to find your subject like 'French Revolution'. But also remember to think beyond your subject for more specific terms like 'Reign of Terror' and broader terms such as 'France history'. Use the index in the back of the book for your specific subject. The following are some terms to use for the French Revolution:

- Versailles
- Reign of Terror
- Louis XVI
- France History
- Napoleon
- Nationalism

**Dewey Numbers:** We organize our books according to the Dewey Decimal System. These are some of the areas you will find books for this project.

- 944 General history of France
- 944.04 French Revolution
- 92 Biographies

**Reference Materials to Use:** The books with a reference sticker *cannot* be checked out, however, you may make copies of the pages you need in them. Don't forget to copy the title page to use for your works cited page. Here are just a few of the reference books on the French Revolution:

- REF 303.64 REV Revolutionary Movements in World History
- REF 909.08 HIS History of the modern world: Revolution and Change
- REF 944.04 ENC The Encyclopedia of the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars

**Internet Resources:** When you *google* a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website or not. Websites with the suffix .edu and .org are usually

reliable. Make sure the .com websites are credible. If they are from well-known entities like historychannel.com or newsweek.com they are fine to use. Here are some websites you can use:

- <http://chnm.gmu.edu/revolution/> this site has more indebt articles on the Revolution.
- [www.historywiz.com/primarysources/frenchrevprimary.html](http://www.historywiz.com/primarysources/frenchrevprimary.html) primary sources on the Revolution.
- [www.blastmilk.com/decollete/guillotine/](http://www.blastmilk.com/decollete/guillotine/) Has a good history of the guillotine and who was beheaded during the Revolution.

**Additional reading (fiction and nonfiction):**

- *Threshold of Terror* by Rodney Allen
- *A Tale of Two cities* by Charles Dickens
- *Robespierre: Master of the Guillotine* by John DiConsiglio
- *Revolution by Jennifer Donnelly*
- *Marie Antoinette* by Antonia Fraser
- *Rights of Man* by Thomas Paine
- *The Short Reign of Pippin IV* by John Steinbeck