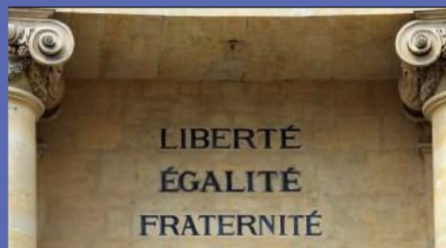


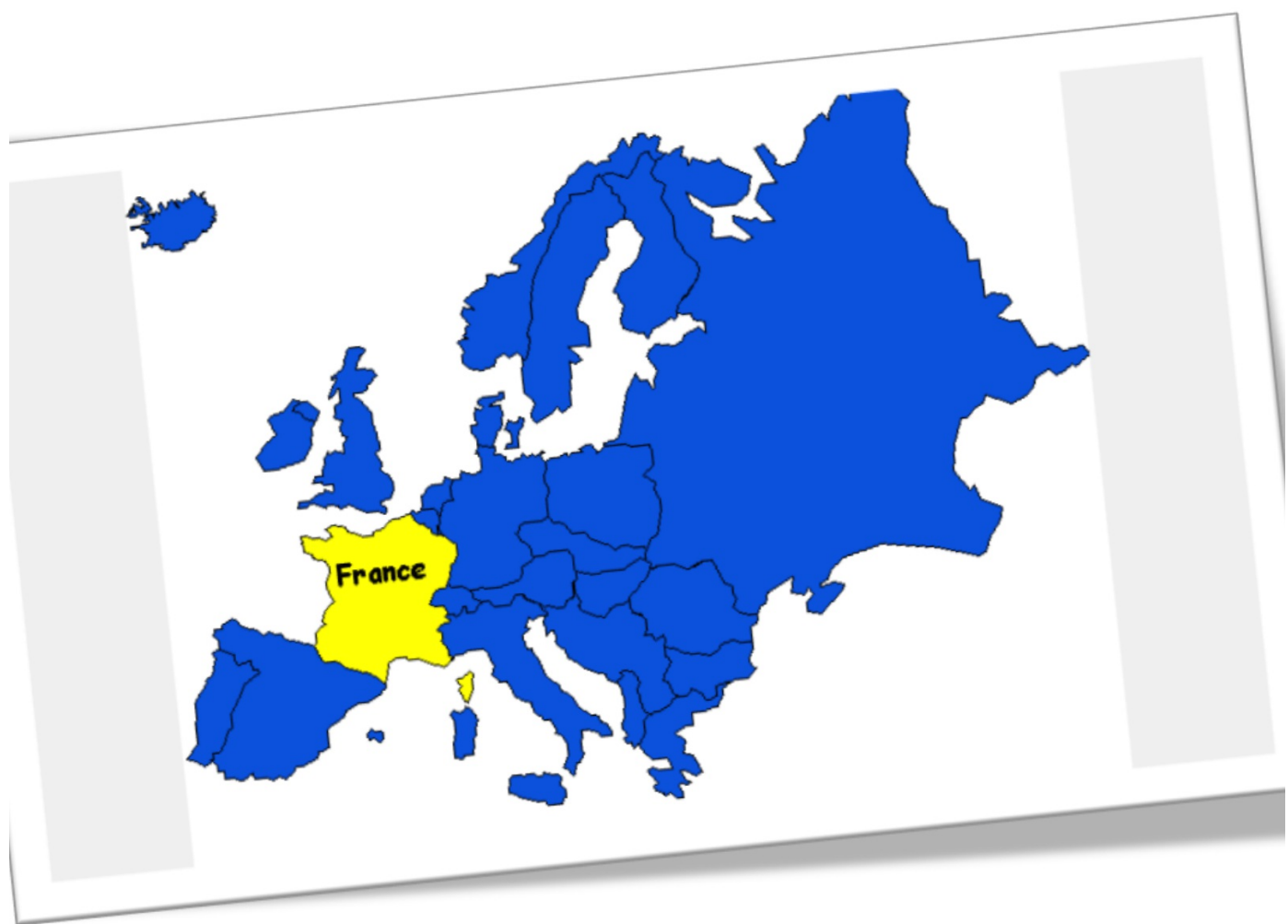
# The French Revolution





There has been a national public holiday since 1790.





○ At this time The French King and government had run out of money. This was because

- France was involved in a lot of wars and these cost money

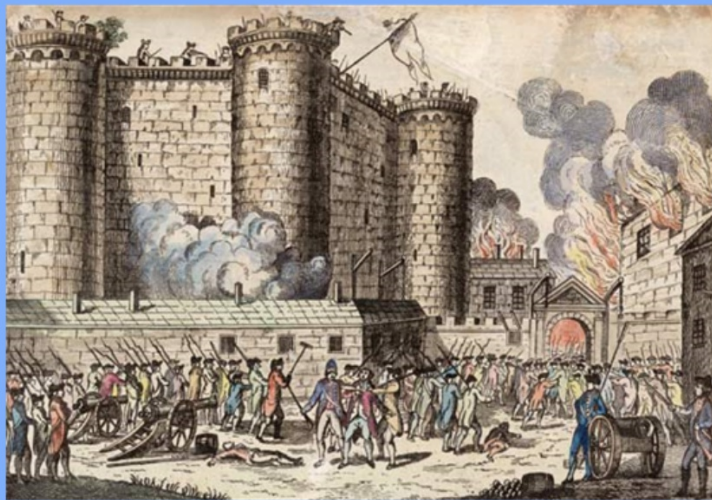
Louis XVI and his wife Marie Antoinette had very expensive tastes and spent money on extravagant goods and built magnificent places and houses across France.





A rumour spread through Paris that Louis XVI was intending to use the extra soldiers he'd brought to Paris to break up the National Assembly and arrest its leaders

14<sup>th</sup> July 1789 – The poor of Paris known as the 'sans culottes', rose up and stormed the Bastille. The Bastille was a huge prison in Paris.



Sans culottes literally means without trousers!

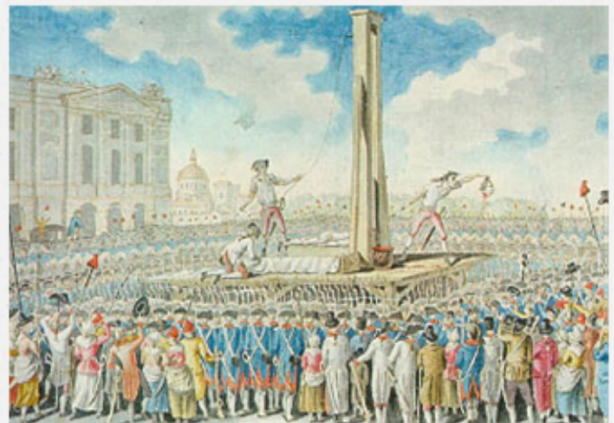
# French National Flag



- o The prison was taken easily as it was not that well protected
- o The new French flag was raised above the prison – Red and White the traditional French flag, the white was the colour of the monarchy and by placing it in the centre it was clearly showing how French people wanted France to be governed

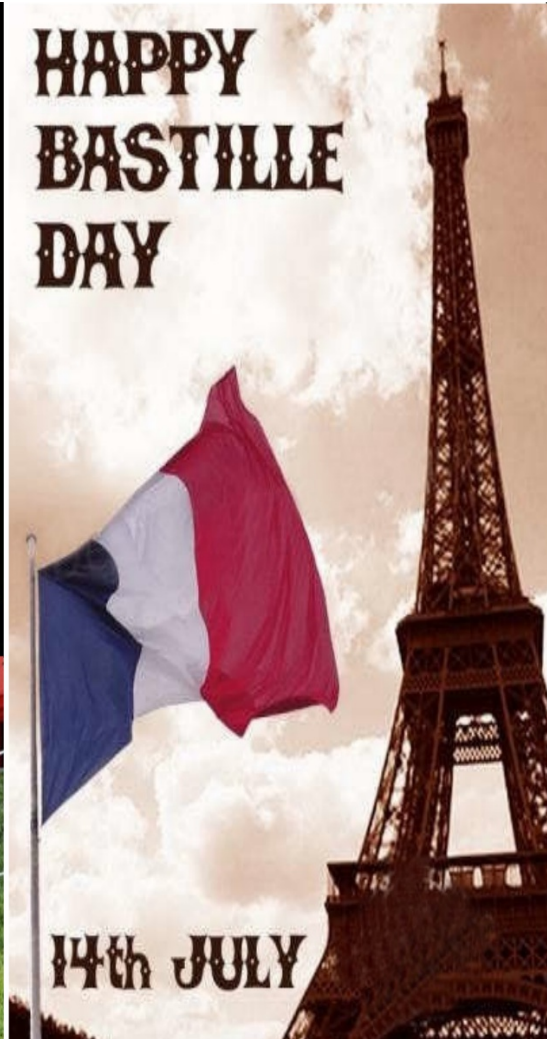
# Execution of Louis XVI

- Back in Paris Louis XVI was tried for treason, an extreme act against ones own country
- It was believed that he was trying to escape to start a war against France
- 21<sup>st</sup> January 1793 Louis XVI was executed by guillotine



The guillotine became famous at this time.  
People came to watch the executions!







14th July - **Le quatorze juillet** is one of the most important national holidays in France.

People gather together with their family and friends to celebrate.

Fireworks are generally part of the celebration in the evening.



Villages, towns and cities will all hold parties often in the street.



The French got rid of their King and Queen and formed government.

To this day France is a Republic and has a President, not a King or Queen.



Who is this? Where was it taken?



