



# Le Quatorze Juillet

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- On the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1789, there was a riot outside the Bastille prison in Paris.
- The prison was stormed, the prisoners were freed and the governor was killed.

- It was the start of the French Revolution.

Do you know who this is?

Do you know what she is holding?



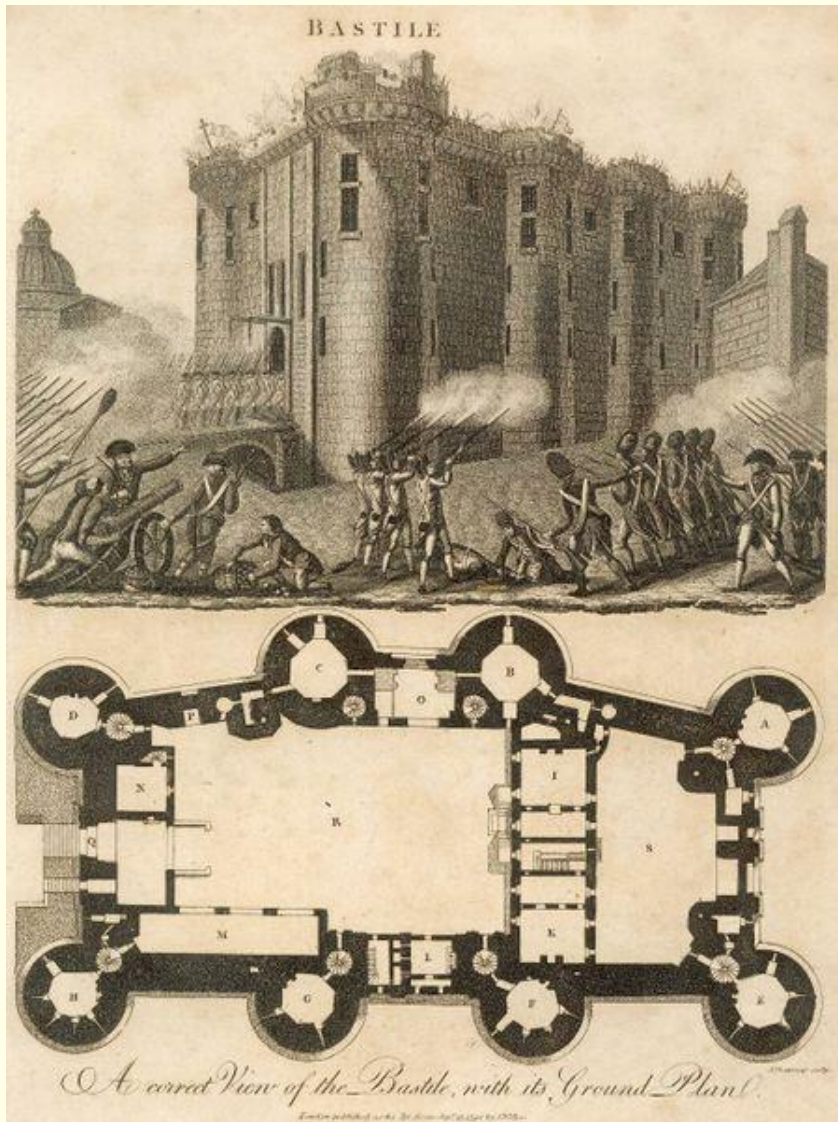


‘Marianne’ is the symbol of France.

Do you know who or what are the symbols for Britain?

Or any other countries?





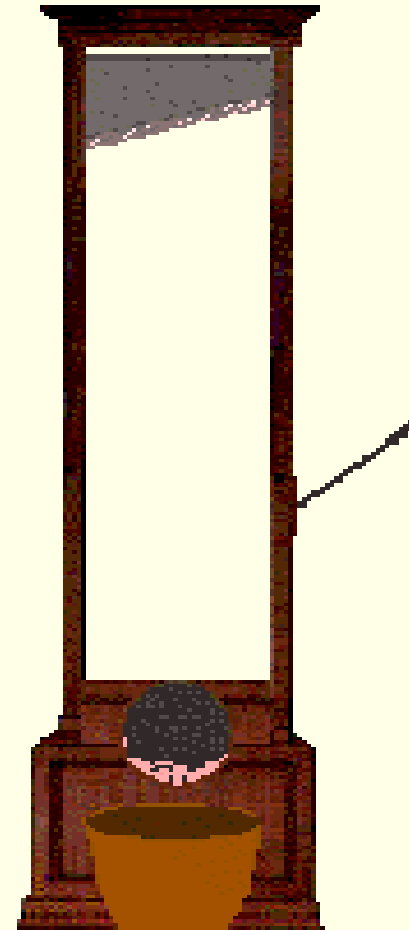
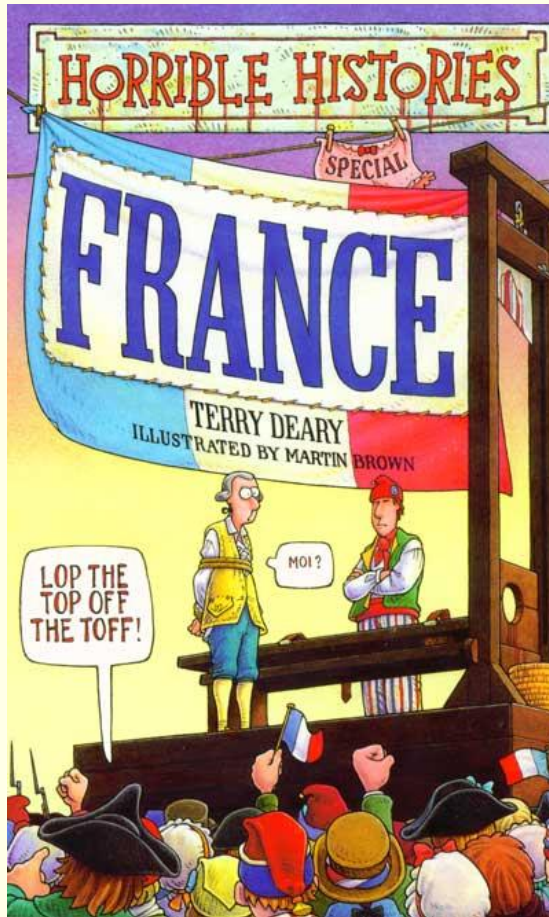
There were only 7 prisoners in the Bastille at the time.

You can find many strange facts about the Bastille prison from

<http://www.chezjim.com/bastille/>



# So why did it start a revolution?



In 1789 most of the people of France were very poor and some were starving.



They were ruled by King Louis XVI and Queen Marie-Antoinette.



It is said they were so  
rich and so distanced  
from the people, that  
when they were told

‘The people are starving,  
they have no bread’

Marie-Antoinette  
replied....

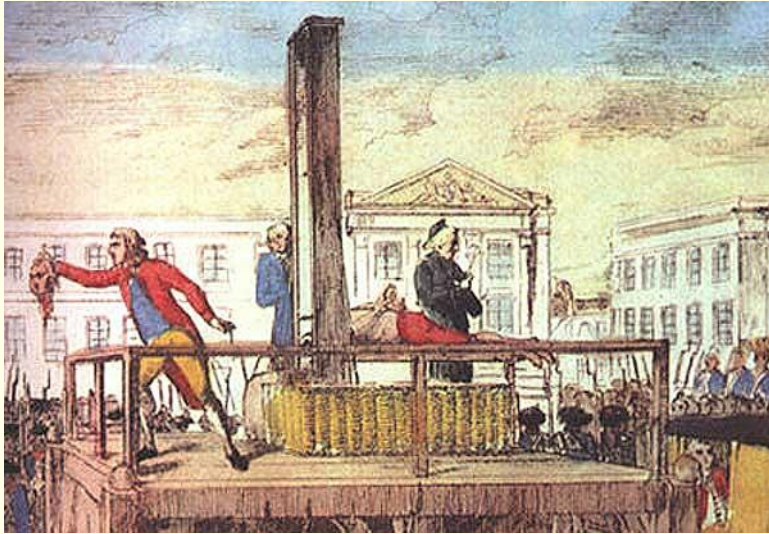




# “Let them eat cake”



Why do you think she  
may have said that?



The King and Queen were executed along with many other nobles and aristocrats during the Revolution and years of 'Terror' that followed.



After the revolution a document was drawn up, declaring the rights of citizens.

It stated that  
'all men are equal'





- A song was written called 'La Marseillaise'. It is the French national anthem.

You can hear it and read the lyrics at

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/marseill.html>



# In France le 14 juillet is a national holiday!

