25 I. The Terror

2. Thermidor

Robespierre, Carnot, St. Just, Danton

Killing of King started counter-revolution

Vendee - counter revolution & civil war. Considerable support from outside France. Very bloody. Civil & foriegn war. Great Britian, Prussia, Austria, Spain, Holland & Russia all Fought against French Revolution. 1790 to 1815 when Napolean was defeated at Waterloo.

Citizens by Simon Schama? - Best book on Revolution.

Marie Antoinettes death strengthened counter revolution.

Was terror necessary? Ideals were already achieved. Leaders were convicted that ruthlessness was needed to deal with counter revolutionarys & enemies abroad. Revolution was not complete; France not virtuous. Not sufficiently dedicated to the new order.

Carnot - in charge of justice.

Organization - Comm. of Public Safety. Established by Convention. in April 1793. 12 members. all had tyrannical qualities. Paris Commune - city govt. - more radical than Public Safety.

Terror Accomplishments:

Military & Draft. Created a strong army & brought war abroad. Ideology became important to soldiers. Carnot - reorginized military. Created a meritocracy. Napolean was one of many new people brought in. Set up state arms Factory. Draft called Levée en masse. - New & radical. Citizen army like the Greeks.

Eventually Russia & Prussia adopted a draft. Warfare turns more deadly when ideology & nationalism are guiding forces.

Committee tried to control peoples lives as best as it could. Used censorship. Outlawed anti-revolutionary thought. Demanded pro-government thought. Poets, artists, etc were encouraged to produce pro revolutionary work. Jacques Louise David - Famous painter. Propagandist.

De christianization of France. Turned against church.

1) Political enemy - owned land & had power.

2) Christianity was an affront to reason. Many leaders were Diests & atheist. Stamped out Christianity.

Wanted to reshape people & behavior of France. Change of dress, speech, names, language. Calendar reorginized - months renamed. All aspects of life were changed.

De-Christianization needed to justify leaders behavior. Ends always justified means. French language not universal. ~~Rates~~

Terror created more impetus for counter-revo. Outer territorys resisted revolution. Lyons also resisted. Rebellion broke out & was put down. Public Safety - ordered destruction of Lyon. Nantes - another city of counter revolutionary activity. Boats in river & Drownings.

Paranoia on Public Safety - Robespierre was eventually executed. Terror Finally burned itself out.

month of new calendar.

Thermidor - reaction against the Terror. Radicals were red. Christianity is revived. "Bands of Jesus" murdered revolutions. Frivolity returns. Like after Cromwells time in England. Catholicism revived. New government is called Directory. Propertied classes came back. Directory was corrupt & not popular. Dependant on military for survival. New generals were important - Napoleon rises!