French and Industrial Revolution Pathfinder

Art and Literature

Literature of the French Revolution

Read about Edmund Burke, political writers and speakers, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Blake, Burns and more.

Charles Dickens: An Overview

Includes background on his works, a biography, political history, economic context, religious views, scientific news, imagery, characterization, imagery and more.

David Perdue's Charles Dickens Page

Information on novels, characters, illustrations, timeline, Dickens London, resources and more.

Charles Dickens Page

A complete website on Charles Dickens. Includes a Dickens Chronology, maps of London, bibliographies, works and E-texts, a plethora of academic resources, and more.

Revolution and Restoration: France

Examine the artists of the French Revolution and read short biographies about them and view examples of their works.

Palace of Versailles

Step into The Hall of Mirrors or take a virtual tour around the King’s Chamber. Examine masterpieces within the palace, learn about the people who lived there, and discover what life was like inside.

General History – The French Revolution

Article on the French Revolution

A starting point where you can read a summary about the French Revolution and view images of Napoleon and Marie Antoinette.

Europe in Retrospect: The French Revolution

Similar to the site above – provides a summary of the French Revolution.

Internet Modern History Sourcebook - French Revolution

This site includes background on the lead up to the Revolution, responses, Napoleon, and the Napoleonic Wars.

Revolution and After

Topics include Revolution and After, The Crisis of the French Monarchy, Louis XVI, The First Revolution, Counter-Revolution in Europe, and Napoleon.

Economic Conditions Leading up to The French Revolution

Learn all about the economic conditions leading up to the French Revolution.
Political Reform and Fall of the Bastille (1789)
Learn about the political reform in France and the Fall of Bastille in 1789.

Mass Opinion Against Marie Antoinette
Read about how the public viewed Marie Antoinette in 1789.

The National Assembly, Religion and a Constitutional Monarchy (1790-91)
Learn about the actions of the National Assembly during this turbulent time.

Fear, Overreaction and War (1792-93)
Read about the beheading of Louis XVI and the reaction by European countries.

The Terror Peaks (December 1793 to July 1794)
Read what role Maximilien de Robespierre played in France’s history.

Economic Moderation, a New Constitution, a Directory and the Mob Crushed (1795)
Learn about the new constitution and the changes in France's government.

Napoleon Bonaparte becomes First Consul (1796-99)
Read about Napoleon Bonaparte and his impact on France’s history.

Exploring the French Revolution
This site provides an excellent introduction to the French Revolution as well as an extraordinary archive of some of the most important documentary evidence from the Revolution, including 338 texts, 245 images, and a number of maps and songs.

Glossary of the French Revolution
This site defines all French words and terms that may be encountered when researching the French Revolution—including words having to do with the three estates, social classes, constitutions, governmental structures, political groupings, and more.

The Guillotine
Discover the history of the guillotine and how it worked.

French Revolution Costumes
View images and read about the dress of the French Revolution and Empire Periods.

General History – The Industrial Revolution

Internet Modern History Sourcebook: Industrial Revolution
A great site to learn about the Revolution in regards to agriculture, the manufacture of textiles, railroads, steam ships, engineers, lives of workers, new social classes, social reform and more.

Timeline of the Industrial Revolution
This site divides the Industrial Revolution into four periods and includes links to inventors, engineers, reformers, and more.
Life of the Industrial Worker

Excerpts from documents on the working condition in Britain during the Industrial Revolution.

Child Labor in the 19th Century

Loads of resources on factory reformers, supporters of child labor, life in the factory, factory workers, statistics, and The Factory Acts.

Child Labor in Factories

Informative site on Child Labor during the Industrial Revolution. Includes information on wages and hours, treatment of children, and movements to regulate child labor.

History of the Steam Engine

Learn all about the history of the steam engine and how it works.

The Music Chamber – Romantic Composers

Listen to the music of the 19th century and read about the lives of the composers. Composers include Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Mahler, Schubert, Verdi, Wagner and many more.

A Woman’s Place in 19th Century Victorian History

This site addresses the various topics: a woman’s place is in the home, women’s qualities, social differences between classes, and more.

The Victorian Era Fashion History

Everything you ever wanted to know about dress during the Victorian era.

The Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace

A review of the Great Exhibition of 1851 with images.

The Great Exhibition of 1851

View a series of wonderful black and white drawings illustrating different entrances, pavilions, and avenues.