**Explain why the French Revolution started in 1789.**

**Introduction**

There are four main reasons why the French Revolution began in 1789. These were...

***Challenge: The most significant of these reasons was…***

**Factor 1**

The French Revolution was caused partly by economic reasons. Firstly, Royal Spending caused economic problems. For example…

As a result…

Secondly, bad harvests caused economic problems. For example…

This meant that…

This links to the next factor as…

Finally, taxes caused economic difficulties. For example…

This meant that…

This links to the next factor as…

**Factor 2**

A second cause of the French Revolution was social reasons. Firstly, the Estates system was unfair and out of date. For example…

This led to…

Secondly, the Third Estate were treated badly. For example…

This meant that…

This links to the next factor as…

**Factor 3**

A third factor that caused the French Revolution was political reasons. Firstly, the Estates System caused political tensions.

For example…

This led to…

Additionally, the extent of the king’s power caused political difficulties. For example…

This meant that…

**Factor 4**

The final factor that caused the French Revolution was intellectual reasons. Firstly, there were new ideas coming from abroad. For example…

This led to…

Furthermore, there were new ideas from Enlightenment thinkers. For example…

This meant that…

This links back to the political reasons because…

**Conclusion**

It is clear that there are a number of different factors that led to the French Revolution. These were economic, social, political and intellectual reasons. ***Challenge: The most significant reason was… because…***