

The French Revolution Propaganda

The **French Revolution** began in 1789 and resulted in the overthrow and execution of King Louis XVI and the creation of the First French Republic. The French Revolution began with noble ideals, like "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity." But it soon spiraled out of control and became a horrifying and deadly affair. Thousands of innocent men and women were put to death as tumult plagued France, then all of Europe.

We often think of propaganda as simply a poster, when in fact **propaganda** refers to any form of media used to influence how the public thinks about a particular issue, usually a political or social one.

Assignment:

Create a banner or mini-poster based on the French Revolution. Your goal is to influence someone to join the Revolutionaries. Your creation must include a revolutionary slogan (think Enlightenment). Present to the class at the end of the period with an explanation of your work.

Tip: The national French flag created during this time period is red, white, and blue.