

Study Guide for Maximilien Robespierre: The Virtue of Terror

Maximilien Robespierre was a leading figure in the French Revolution. He was a member of the National Convention and the Committee of Public Safety, and he played a key role in the Reign of Terror. Robespierre was a controversial figure, and his legacy is still debated today.



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This study guide provides a comprehensive overview of Robespierre's life, political career, and the Reign of Terror. It is an essential resource for students and scholars of the French Revolution.

Robespierre's Life

Maximilien Robespierre was born on May 6, 1758, in Arras, France. He was the son of a lawyer, and he received a classical education.

Robespierre was a brilliant student, and he excelled in his studies.

In 1781, Robespierre became a lawyer. He quickly gained a reputation as a skilled orator and a defender of the poor. In 1789, he was elected to the Estates-General, the body that would eventually become the National Assembly.

Robespierre's Political Career

Robespierre was a member of the National Assembly from 1789 to 1791. He was a leading figure in the Jacobin Club, a radical political group. Robespierre was a strong advocate for democracy and social justice.

In 1792, Robespierre was elected to the National Convention. He was a member of the Committee of Public Safety, the body that was responsible for overseeing the war effort. Robespierre played a key role in the Reign of Terror, the period of mass executions that took place during the Revolution.

The Reign of Terror

The Reign of Terror began in September 1793. During this period, over 40,000 people were executed, including King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. Robespierre was a leading figure in the Reign of Terror, and he was responsible for many of the executions.

The Reign of Terror ended in July 1794, when Robespierre was overthrown and executed.

Robespierre's Legacy

Robespierre was a controversial figure, and his legacy is still debated today. Some historians view him as a hero of the French Revolution, while others view him as a tyrant.

Robespierre's legacy is complex. He was a brilliant orator and a passionate advocate for democracy and social justice. However, he was also responsible for the deaths of thousands of people.

Study Guide Questions

1. What were Robespierre's major political beliefs? 2. What role did Robespierre play in the Reign of Terror? 3. How did Robespierre's legacy evolve over time? 4. What are the different perspectives on Robespierre's role in the French Revolution?

Further Reading

* [Maximilien Robespierre: A Revolutionary Life](<https://www.Our Book Library.com/Maximilien-Robespierre-Revolutionary-Peter-Hanson/dp/0679403384>) by Peter Hanson * [Robespierre: The Life and Death of a Revolution](<https://www.Our Book Library.com/Robespierre-Life-Death-Revolution-Will-Durant/dp/0060915429>) by Will Durant * [The French Revolution and the Terror](<https://www.Our Book Library.com/French-Revolution-Terror-Georges-Lefebvre/dp/0415050629>) by Georges Lefebvre



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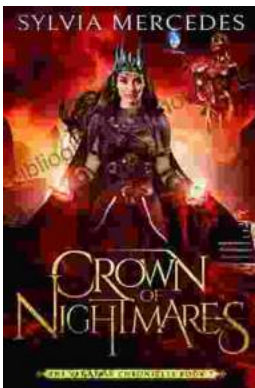
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