

Notes from HW on French Revolution 12/6/12

Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen 1789:

1. All men are equal and had natural rights to liberty, property, security and resistance to oppression

Civil Constitution of the Clergy 1790

1. Bishops and priests are elected and have salaries
2. Ended the Pope's authority over the French church

The Constitution of 1791

1. Set up a limited monarchy
2. New Legislative Assembly with many powers

Those who supported the revolution were Enlightened thinkers; believed in justice and equality; the start of a new age

Those who opposed the revolution were rulers and nobles who feared the loss of power; feared the attacks on privilege, property and religion; many hated the violence