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Q2. When was the Bastille prison attacked by the people and why?

Ans. On the morning of 14 July 1789, a group of several hundred people marched towards the eastern part of the city and stormed the fortress-prison, the Bastille, where they hoped to find hoarded ammunition.

Q3. Describe the status of nobles in France before the Revolution.

Ans. The nobles enjoyed certain privileges by birth. The most important of these was exemption from paying taxes to the state. The nobles further enjoyed feudal privileges. These included feudal dues, which they extracted from the peasants.

Q4. Why were women disappointed by the constitution of 1791 in France?

Ans. One of women's main demands was that women enjoy the same political rights as men. Women were disappointed that the Constitution of 1791 reduced them to passive citizens. They demanded the right to vote, to be elected to the Assembly and to hold political office.