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1774 - Louis XVI becomes king of France, faces empty treasury and growing discontent within society of the Old Regime.

1789 - Convocation of Estates General, Third Estate forms National Assembly, the Bastille is stormed, peasant revolts in the countryside.

1791 - A constitution is framed to limit the powers of the king and to guarantee basic rights to all human beings.

1792-93 - France becomes a republic, the king is beheaded. Overthrow of the Jacobin republic, a Directory rules France.

1804 - Napoleon becomes emperor of France, annexes large parts of Europe.

1815 - Napoleon defeated at Waterloo.

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Ans. Abolition of slavery

i. Throughout the eighteenth century there was little criticism of slavery in France.

ii. The National Assembly held long debates about whether the rights of man should be extended to all French subjects including those in the colonies.

iii. It was finally the Convention which in 1794 legislated to free all slaves in the French overseas possessions.

iv. This, however, turned out to be a short-term measure: ten years later, Napoleon reintroduced slavery.

v. Slavery was finally abolished in French colonies in 1848.