

French Revolution (to 1795) Seminar

- 1. Assess the causes of the French Revolution. How might these causes inform modern people about how governments collapse and revolutions begin?**
- 2. To what degree, if any, do you think the revolutions of 1789 and 1792 were justified? Do the costs to some outweigh the potential benefits of the many?**
- 3. Compare the American and French revolutions. To what degree do you side with Edmund Burke that the American revolution was justified while the French revolution was not.**
- 4. Thinking about the *Declaration of the Rights of Man*, which articles stand out to you? Discuss the various rights that are outlined and their broader implications. How do these rights compare with those in the US Constitution?**
- 5. To what extent do you think all revolutions ultimately spiral out of control and end up in some type of tyranny? Is the American revolution the exception that proves the rule?**