

Reign of Terror Guiding Questions

Textbook Excerpt

1. According to the textbook, why did the Jacobins have so many enemies?
2. Robespierre and his supporters created a new calendar. Why would they want to wipe out “every trace of France’s past?”
3. According to the textbook, Robespierre believed terror helped French citizens remain “true to the ideals of the Revolution.” What were the ideals of the French Revolution? (Use what you already know about the French Revolution to answer this question).

Based on the textbook excerpt, do you think the Committee of Public Safety protected the Revolution from its enemies? Circle one:

YES NO

Explain your answer.

Document B: Law of Suspects

1. What was the goal of the Law of suspects?
2. (Close reading) List two examples of people who would have been considered suspects. Explain why the Committee of Public Safety would have considered them suspects.
3. What might the leaders of the Committee of Public Safety have said to justify this law?

Based on the Law of Suspects, do you think the Committee of Public Safety protected the Revolution from its enemies? Circle one:

YES NO

Explain your answer.

The Committee of Public Safety was established to protect the Revolution from its enemies. Based on the Decree Against Profiteers and the Law of Suspects, do you think the Committee of Public Safety actually protected the Revolution from its enemies?

Write a paragraph in the space below, using evidence from the documents to support your claims.

