

## Analyzing the Reign of Terror

### Textbook Excerpt

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1. Identify the context – when and where was the text published?
2. Identify the audience – for whom was the text written?
3. Identify the Category of History – explain your answer.

*(Guiding Questions)*

4. From the first paragraph, what is the connotation of “enemies”?
5. Robespierre and his supporters created a new calendar. Why would they want to erase “every trace of France’s past”? Support your answer with evidence from the text.
6. According to the text, Robespierre believed terror protected the ideals of the Revolution. What were the ideals of the French Revolution? (you can use what you already know/ have learned)
7. Based on the textbook excerpt, do you think the Committee of Public Safety protected the ideas of the Revolution? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

### Document A: Decree Against Profiteers

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1. Identify the context – when and where was the text published?
2. Identify the audience – for whom was the text written?
3. Identify the Category of History – explain your answer.

*(Guiding Questions)*

4. Why did the Committee of Public Safety pass the Decree Against Profiteers?
5. Why did the Committee of Public Safety consider monopoly to be such a serious crime? (Hint: Think back to the ideals of the French Revolution).
6. What was the punishment for those who did not comply with this law?
7. Based on the Decree Against Profiteers, do you think the Committee of Public Safety protected the Revolution from its enemies? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

### Document B: Law of Suspects

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1. Identify the context – when and where was the text published?
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3. Identify the Category of History – explain your answer.

*(Guiding Questions)*

4. What was the goal of the Law of suspects?
5. List two examples of people who would have been considered suspects. Explain why the Committee of Public Safety would have considered them suspects.
6. What might the leaders of the Committee of Public Safety have said to justify this law?
7. Based on the Law of Suspects, do you think the Committee of Public Safety protected the Revolution from its enemies? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.