

Celebrations around the World

Bastille Day



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Success Criteria

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- I can discuss how Bastille is celebrated in France.

Bastille Day



Bastille Day is the national day of France.

Bastille Day is celebrated on 14th July every year.

In French, the date is **le quatorze Juillet** .



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Can you name any other national days from around the world?

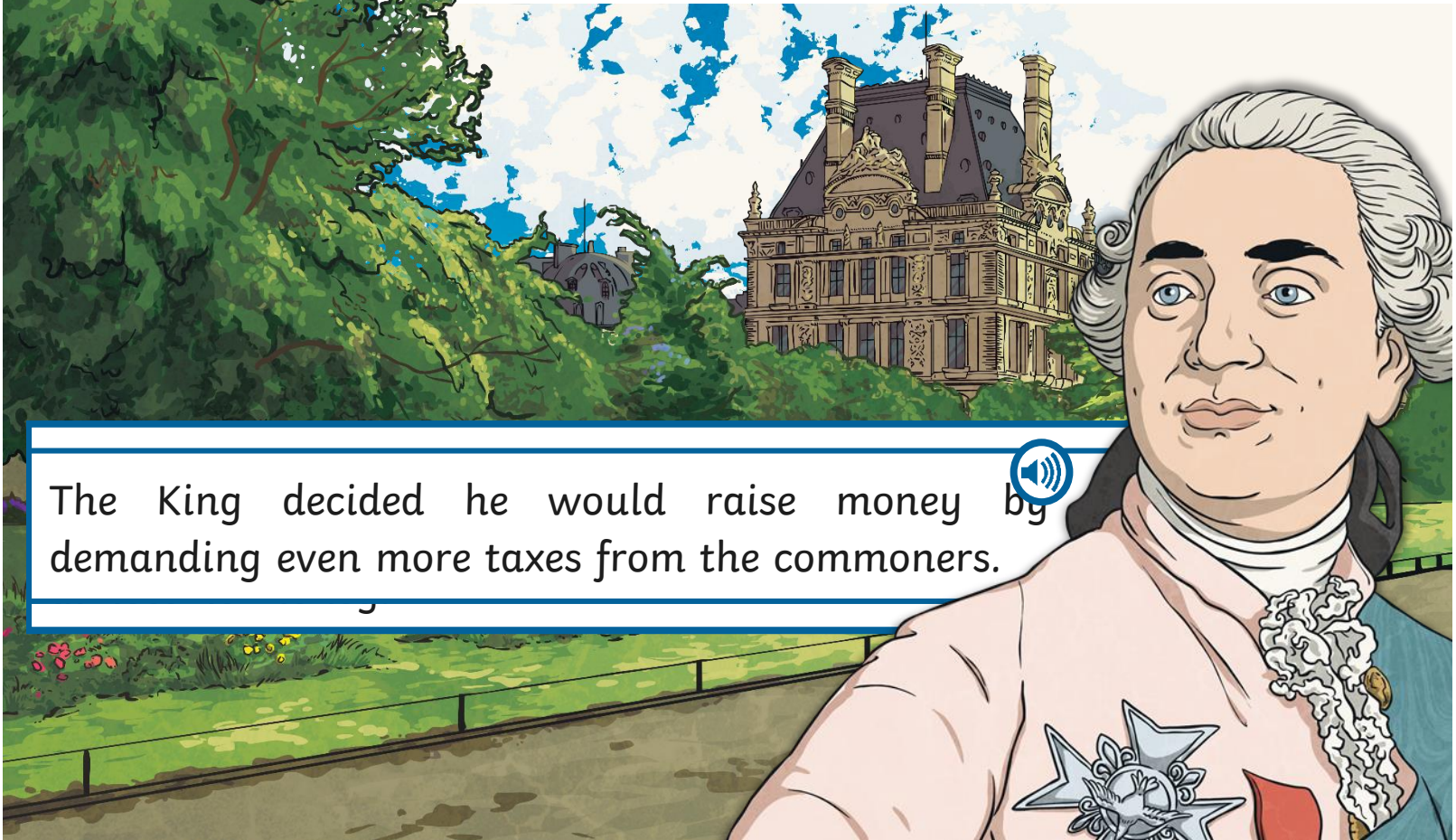


History of Bastille Day



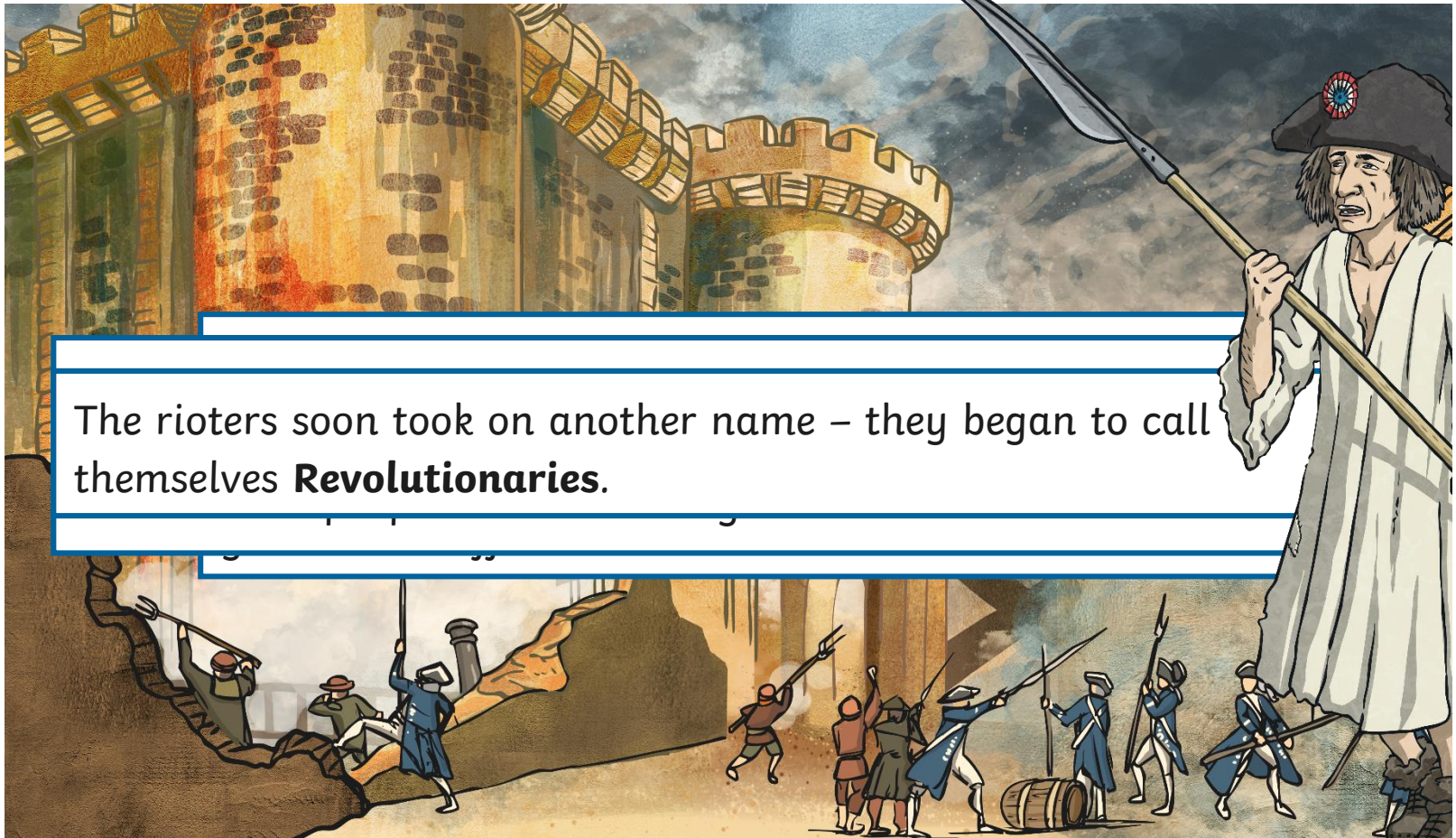
Unfortunately, the common people were the huge majority of the French population. They worked the land for very little in return and had to pay enormous **taxes** to the nobles and the church.

History of Bastille Day



The King decided he would raise money by demanding even more taxes from the commoners.

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The rioters soon took on another name – they began to call themselves **Revolutionaries**.

Prise de la Bastille (Storming of the Bastille) by Jean-Pierre Houel




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What is happening in the painting? Who can you see?
How might they have felt?



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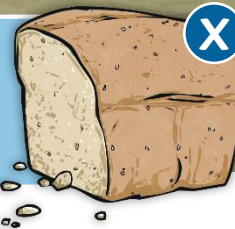
An illustration of Marie Antoinette, a French queen, wearing a large blue powdered wig and a wide-brimmed straw hat. She is looking slightly to the right with a calm expression.

It is not known whether Marie Antoinette actually did say that. However, it is a good example of how **privileged** the upper classes were at that time – they just didn't understand or care how the poor were suffering.

Marie Antoinette is then said to have replied, “Well, if they have no bread, let **them eat cake instead.**”

Did
You
Know?

At the time, bread made up about 50% of the average commoners diet!



History of Bastille Day



Coat of arms of the French Republic

that France was now a **republic**, ruled by

the nobles' property were confiscated as well
so that all could benefit from their riches.

and had to pay enormous **taxes** to the nobles and the church.

to all.

History of Bastille Day



People flew **Le Tricolore Drapeau**  (the three-coloured French flag) to show how proud they were.

It was common to wear a traditional farmer's cap, to show you were one of the people and supported the protests. Even today, when French people protest in public, many of them wear these little red caps.

They even made jewellery and ornaments out of the ruined stones of the Bastille, demonstrating how they had crushed the unfair system!

History of Bastille Day



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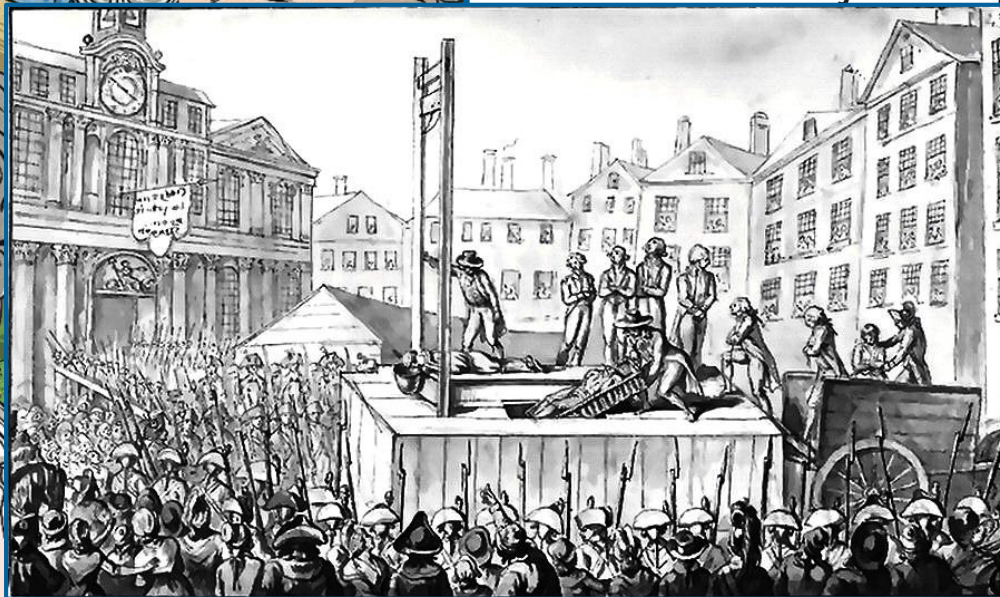
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The royal
family were
arrested and
imprisoned.

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Huge crowds turned out in the **Place de la Révolution**  in Paris to watch the death of the King and his old regime.

The French Revolution was complete!



The enemies of the people were
guillotine, a
which sliced off
with a razor-

Bastille Day Celebrations



Every year, on the anniversary of the Storming of the Bastille, French people all over the world celebrate their nation.

Citizens fly (and wear) their national colours and sing the national anthem, **La Marseillaise**.



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Military parades are held and huge firework displays light up the night sky.

Picnics, musical performances and dances are also popular ways of celebrating Bastille Day in France.



**Did
You
Know?**

The famous Tour de France cycling race is held over Bastille Day!

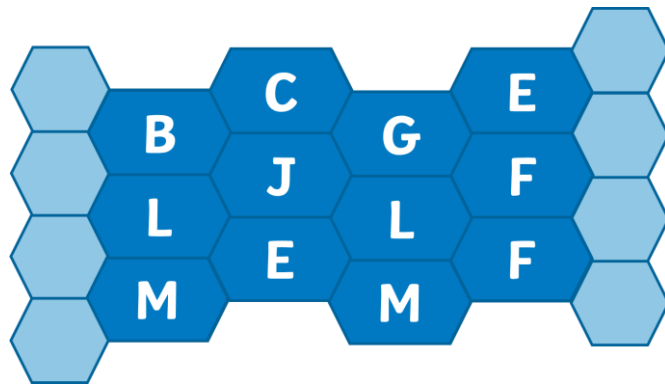


Brick Busters

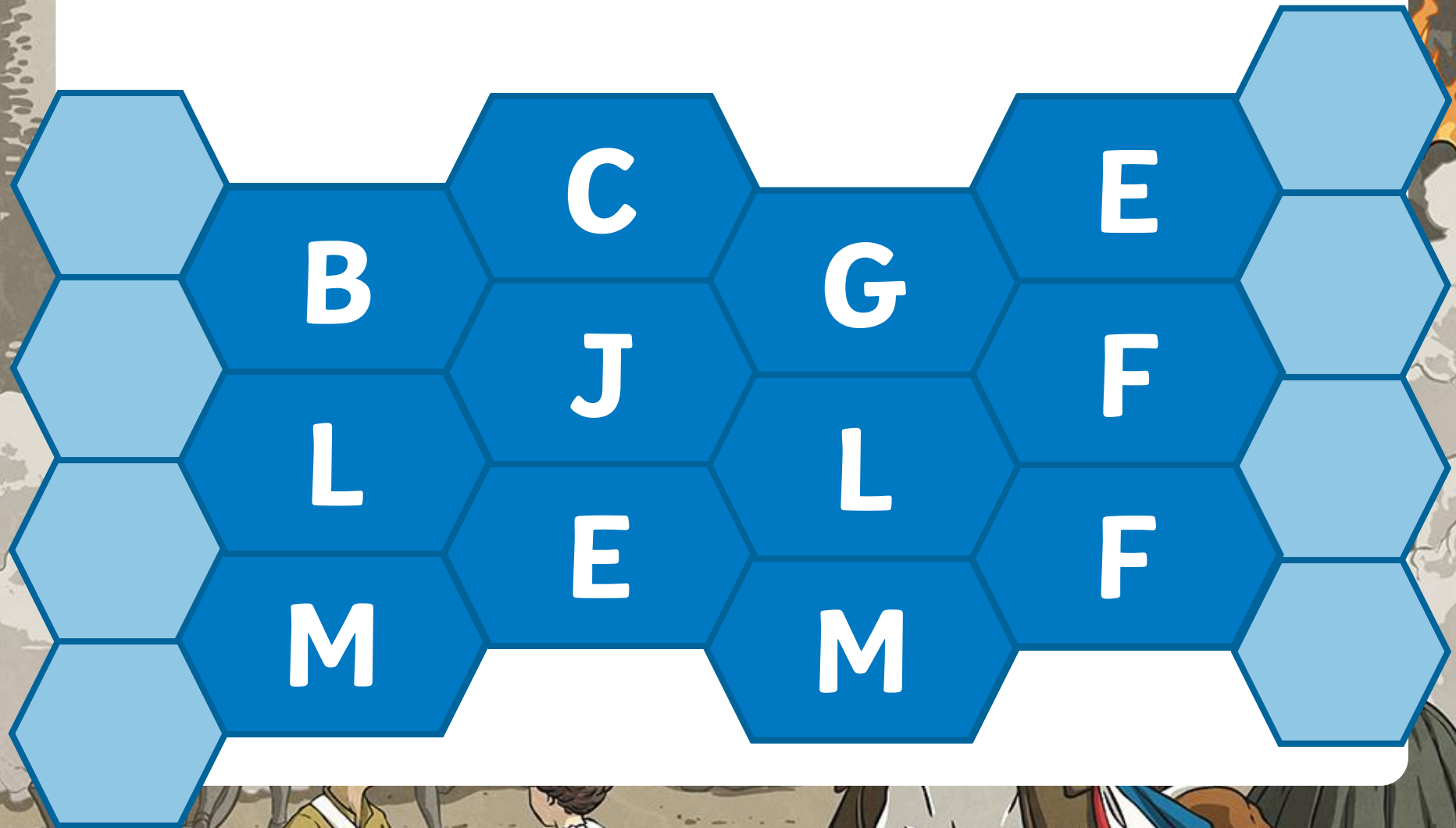
Now let's find out how much you know about Bastille Day!

You must make a path from the top to the bottom, or from the left to the right, of the board.

Vive la France!



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1. What country celebrates Bastille Day?

2. On what date is Bastille Day celebrated each year?

3. Briefly explain why the commoners were so upset with the King, clergy and nobles.

4. Name the King and Queen of France during the French Revolution.

5. Who famously said, "Well, if they have no bread, let them eat cake instead."?

Why do you think this upset the commoners in France so much?

6. The nobles of France were called E_____ by the revolutionaries.

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7. Name the fearsome machine which sliced off a prisoner's head with a razor-sharp blade.

8. True or false? Bastille Day is only celebrated in France.

9. Name the woman, pictured wearing a traditional cap, is the symbol of liberty on Bastille Day.

10. Name the tall structure built in 1889 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution.

11. List at least three ways Bastille Day is celebrated in France.

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Celebrations around the World: Bastille Day Mini Test

Answers

1	France	1 mark
2	14 th July	1 mark
3	The commoners were angry with the King, clergy and nobles because they were forced to pay very high taxes and were starving due to famine and the King's greed.	1 mark
4	King Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette	2 marks
5	Marie Antoinette Example answer - This quote shows how privileged the upper classes were at that time and that they just didn't understand or care how the poor were suffering.	2 marks
6	Enemies of the People	1 mark
7	Guillotine	1 mark
8	False. French people all over the world celebrate Bastille Day.	1 mark
9	Marianne	1 mark
10	Eiffel Tower/Tour Eiffel	1 mark
11	Wearing national colours, flying national colours, singing the national anthem, military parades, fireworks, picnics, musical performances, dances.	3 marks