Charles Dickens’ first historical novel *A Tale of Two Cities* (1859) deals with the French Revolution (1789-1799). You will watch a short information video explaining the origins of the French Revolution.

Read the following questions:

1. When and where did the French Revolution take place?

2. What caused or prompted this revolution?

3. What were the key events during the French Revolution?

4. Who fought during the French Revolution?

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The French Revolution
You will read an extract from the novel *A Tale of Two Cities* describing the events that took place during the attack on the Bastille (The Prison in Paris) on 14th July, 1789 and it represents a turning point in the novel. The event marked the beginning of the *French Revolution*. See the Map of Paris in 1789 and the picture of The Bastille to help you understand the text.