

Events and developments

by 1786	The French government was deeply in debt because it spent more each year than it received in taxes.
August 1788	
December 1788	The king agreed to double the number of deputies of the Third Estate in the Estates General, but he did not agree to
spring 1789	... and over 60,000 lists of complaints were written.
5 May 1789	The first meeting of the Estates General took place in Versailles. The third estate deputies did not want to meet as a separate group, so
19 June 1789	
20 June 1789	The third estate deputies took an oath (<i>the Tennis Court Oath = Ballhauschwur</i>) to carry on meeting until
27 June 1789	
12 July 1789	
14 July 1789	

