**The Reign of Terror**

-In 1793 after the death of Louis the 16th, The **Jacobins** (lead by Danton and Robespierre) and **Sans Culottes** (lead by Marat) took over the **National Assembly** (which changed its name to the national convention).

-They were **determined** that the **advances** made by the Revolution would **not** be **reversed**.

-They began to attack the **Girondists** (moderates).

-A group was established called “**The Committee of Public Safety”** whose job it was to find anyone and anything against the revolution/republic.

-They passed the **“Law of Suspects”** which allowed them to put on trial and **kill anyone suspected of being against the republic**/or hoarding food/or being nobles

-Became like a witch hunt, a way to get rid of your neighbors. You could be denounced for hoarding bread, raising bread prices, using titles, supporting the nobility, supporting the Catholic Church

-Marat was murdered by a Charlotte Corday (Girondist)

-Made **many radical changes** to France now that Robespierre has all the power:

1. Metric system introduces

2. new calendar based on seasons and metric system

3. ended slavery

4. Put through a law for free schools and universal suffrage

5. Reorganized army based on merit, not noble birth

6. Banned Catholic Church, introduces Enlightened Church of Reason

-Soon the Terror turned on its leader Robespierre was guillotined (who had already killed Danton)

-A government called the **Directory took over**; run by three people (to avoid dictatorship).

-A General named **Napoleon** soon crushed the weak Directory