Why did some days in the French Revolution matter so much?

Chapter 18: Days of revolution: France 1789–99

**Step 1**

For **14July 1789** and **20 August 1792**, make a storyboard with three images to capture each day’s events. Then, jot down some reasons why you think historians have shown so much interest in each day.

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| 14 July 1789 |  |  |  |
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**Why have historians shown so much interest in this day?**

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| 20 August 1792 |  |  |  |
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**Why have historians shown so much interest in this day?**

**Compare the two days. What do they have in common?**

**Step 2**

Make two more storyboards for **27 July 1794** and **9 November 1799** with three images to capture each day’s events. Then jot down some reasons why you think historians have shown so much interest in each day.

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| 27 July 1794 |  |  |  |
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**Why have historians shown so much interest in this day?**

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| 9 November 1799 |  |  |  |
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**Why have historians shown so much interest in this day?**

**What do these two days have in common with the first two days of your storyboard?**

**Shaping your answer**

Why have historians judged these four days **historically** **significant**?

● Is it because the events were so dramatic or shocking at the time?

● Is it because they spurred on change?

● Or is it because they reveal the forces and people that shape the Revolution?

It is probably all of these things!

In the historical significance box for each day, below, write about:

1 why the day was **remarked** on at the time

2 what kinds of change **resulted**

**3** why historians might find the day **revealing** about how the French Revolution worked.

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| **14 July 1789** | **20 August 1792** |
| **27 July 1794** | **9 November 1799** |