French History

1. Place the events in the correct places on the timeline.

1750	1800	1850	1900	1950	2000

A B   C   D

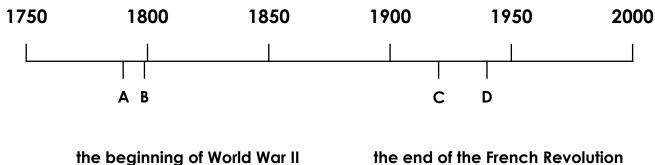the beginning of World War II   the end of the French Revolution

the storming of Bastille   the end of World War I

2. Tick the events which happened during World War I.

la Deuxième Guerre mondiale   le traité de Versailles

la Bataille de la Somme   les guerres napoléoniennes

la Révolution française   la Bataille de Verdun

3. Read the text about Bastille Day and answer the questions.

In 1789, the storming of a prison called The Bastille sparked the beginning of the French Revolution. The gap between the rich and poor had grown so big that some people felt their only choice was to make a stand against the king, Louis XVI. This eventually led to the monarchy being overthrown and a new government leading the country instead.

In France, Bastille Day (called la fête nationale or le quatorze juillet) is celebrated every year on 14th July.

A. What is la fête nationale?

B. Why do you think some people wanted to overthrow the monarchy?

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1. A. the storming of Bastille; B. the end of the French Revolution; C. the end of World War I; D. the beginning of World War II;
2. la Bataille de la Somme; la Bataille de Verdun; le traité de Versailles
3. A. La fête nationale is another way of saying Bastille Day, or le quatorze juillet. It is an annual celebration in France where people celebrate the start of the French Revolution.
B. Various answers, for example: People might have wanted to overthrow the monarchy because they were very poor and they felt it was unfair that royalty had a lot of money while they had nothing.