

LITERATURE

Worksheet for *Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride*, by Marjorie Priceman

Alphabetize the following groups of words from your reading this week. Be prepared to tell your teacher what each highlighted word has to do with the history of the hot-air balloon.

Fountains _____

gardens _____

gold _____

farmers _____

famous _____

flowers _____

fabric _____

_____ chandelier

_____ bathtub

_____ balloon

_____ chef

_____ demonstration

_____ crowd

_____ duck

_____ palace

_____ paintings

_____ people

_____ pastry

_____ paper

_____ public

_____ Paris

_____ sleepless

_____ schoolchildren

_____ singers

_____ surroundings

_____ sheep

_____ September

_____ smoke

7. Ask students, "After the Paris *Parlement* forced Louis XVI to convene the Estates-General, how did the elections and *cadres* (lists of grievances) that were necessary steps to prepare for the meeting sharpen the widespread social unrest?"

As in Holland, as grievances were aired, the intelligent middle class leaders awoke to the wide gap between their needs and desires and those of their king and the nobility. Recent attempts at reform by government ministers of finance had been foiled by the first and second estates. The elections gave platforms to those willing to speak out about what was wrong with the French government and the traditional prerogatives of the French nobility. Those of the third estate were especially angered by the nobles of the robe who decreed that, at the upcoming Estates-General meeting, each estate would get one, equal vote. Given the unequal distribution of population and privilege between the three estates, many bourgeois leaders were angered, and became more demanding and determined to gain political power.

8. Explain to students that their reading detailed conditions leading up to the French Revolution (that began in 1789), but stopped just short of the opening events, which we will study in Week 35.

LITERATURE: LOWER LEVEL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Lower Grammar Worksheet on *Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride*

- Fabric:** The balloon was made by stretching fabric over a frame.
- Balloon:** This is the new kind of transportation that is being tested by Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier.
- Paris:** The Montgolfiers were invited to Paris to demonstrate the new hot-air balloon.
- Sheep:** A duck, a sheep, and a rooster were the first passengers of the hot-air balloon.