

Q) What steps did the French revolutionaries take to create a sense of collective identity among the French people?

Ans:-

(i) The ideas of la patrie [the fatherland] and le citoyen [the citizen] emphasised the notion of a united community enjoying equal rights under a constitution.

- (ii) A new French flag, Tricolour flag was chosen to replace the former royal standard.
- (iii) The Estates General was renamed as National Assembly.
- (iv) New hymns were composed, oaths taken and martyrs commemorated all in the name of nation.
- (v) French was made a common language of the nation.
- (vi) Uniform laws for all citizens within its territory were formulated.