

Worksheet

The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

- The political and constitutional changes that came in the wake of the French Revolution led to the transfer of sovereignty from the monarchy to a body of French citizens.
- The ideas of la patrie and le citoyen emphasised the notion of a united community enjoying equal rights under a constitution.
- A new French flag, the tricolour, was chosen to replace the former royal standard.
- The Estate general was elected by the body of active citizens and renamed the National Assembly.

→ New hymns were composed, oaths taken and martyrs commemorated, all in the name of the nation.

→ A centralized administrative system was put in place and it formulated uniform law for all citizens within its territory.

→ Internal customs duties and dues were abolished and a uniform system of weights and measures was adopted.