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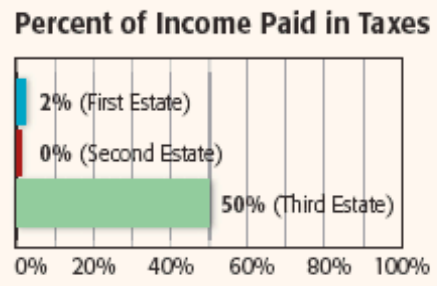
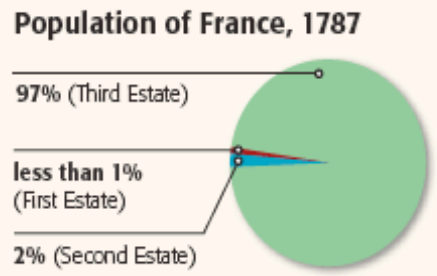
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In the 1770s, the social and political system of France—the _____—remained in place. Under this system, the people of France were divided into three large social classes, or _____.

The Three Estates



- A First Estate**
 - made up of clergy of Roman Catholic Church
 - scorned Enlightenment ideas
- B Second Estate**
 - made up of rich nobles
 - held highest offices in government
 - disagreed about Enlightenment ideas
- C Third Estate**
 - included bourgeoisie, urban lower class, and peasant farmers
 - had no power to influence government
 - embraced Enlightenment ideas
 - resented the wealthy First and Second Estates.



SKILLBUILDER: Interpreting Charts and Political Cartoons

- 1. Drawing Conclusions** How do the chart and the graphs help explain the political cartoon?
- 2. Making Inferences** Why might the First and Second Estates be opposed to change?

1. _____

2. _____
