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Age of Revolutions





# TODAY'S UNIT & LESSON



# Lesson 8 (MW 3.08)



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## FRENCH REVOLUTION:

The radicals' plan to undermine Louis worked... the **King is suspended** from his duties and **arrested.**

The **Legislative Assembly met** to write a republican constitution... and decide **Louis' fate.**



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## FRENCH REVOLUTION:

As support of the revolution grew, the more **radical Paris Commune** usurped power and decided to “run” the revolution.

This is **BAD** for Louis.



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## FRENCH REVOLUTION:



The **Paris Commune** was dominated by the *sans-culottes* (French for “*without breeches*”) to show they were *ordinary* patriots without fine clothes.



They make America's Sons of Liberty look a church choir.



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## FRENCH REVOLUTION:

**Georges Jacques Danton (who organized massacre of 600 Swiss guards), became “Sam Adams on Steroids”.**

**Danton encouraged fears that counter-revolutionary forces loyal to Louis were undermining the revolution.**



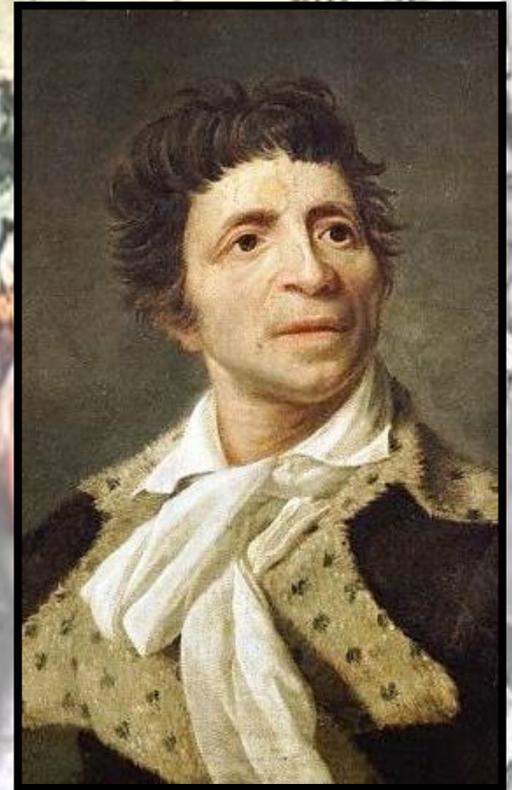
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## FRENCH REVOLUTION:

Journalist Jean-Paul Marat convinced *sans-culotte* mobs that counter-revolutionary prisoners were going to break out and attack.

To prevent this, these mobs ransacked jails in Paris; killed 1,000 inmates.



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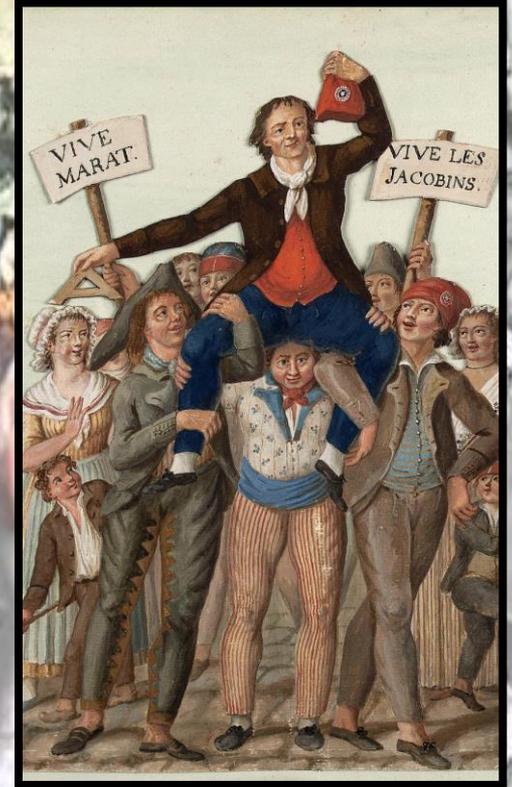




## FRENCH REVOLUTION:

**National Convention met on September 20, 1792 to decide Louis' fate and establish First French Republic.**

**Another radical group, the Jacobins, soon dominated the Convention and joined forces with the *sans culottes*.**





## FRENCH REVOLUTION:

Jacobins were led by Georges Danton and Maximilien Robespierre.

They wanted Louis dead.

The Convention voted in favor of a republic... and to execute Louis.





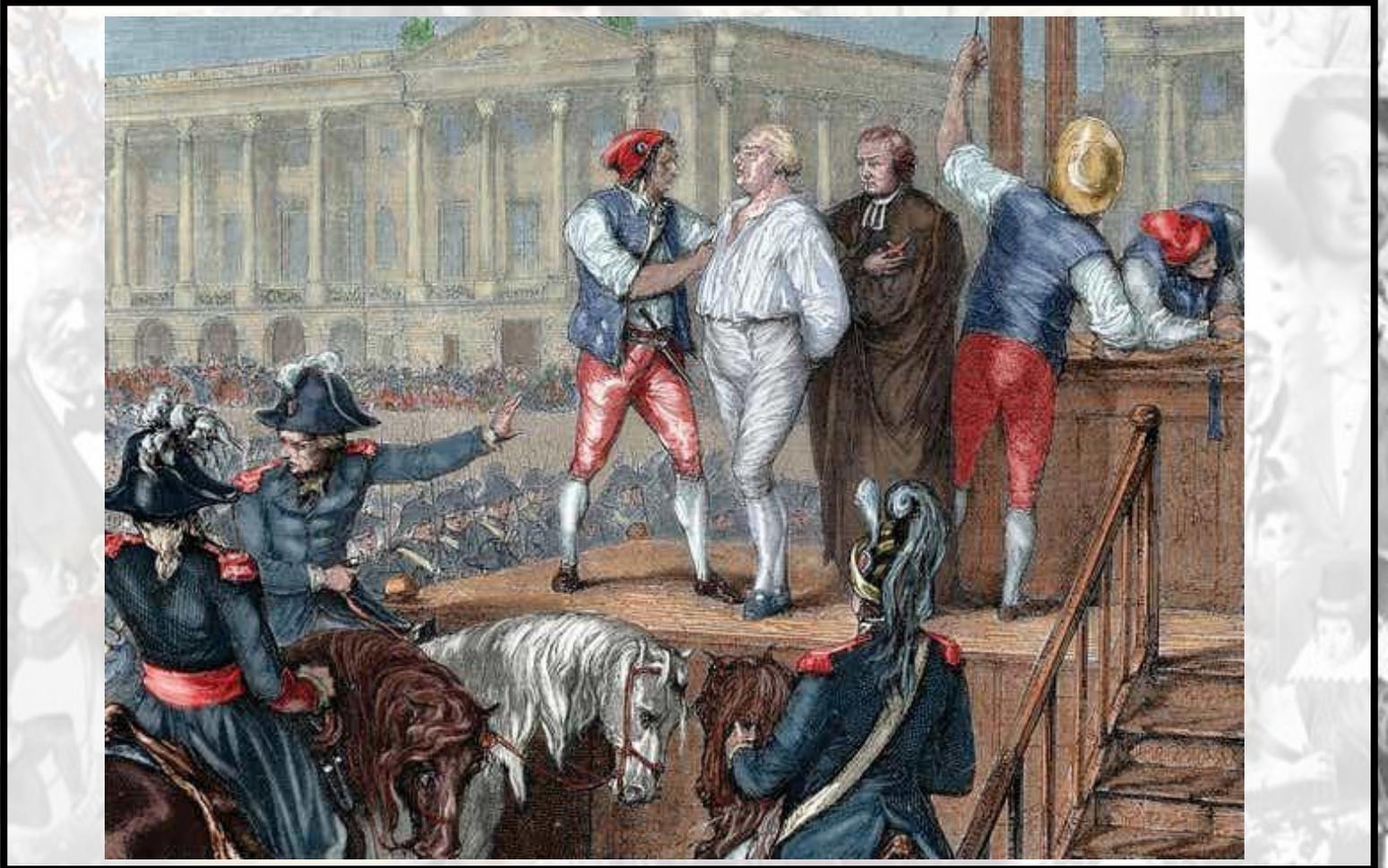
## FRENCH REVOLUTION:

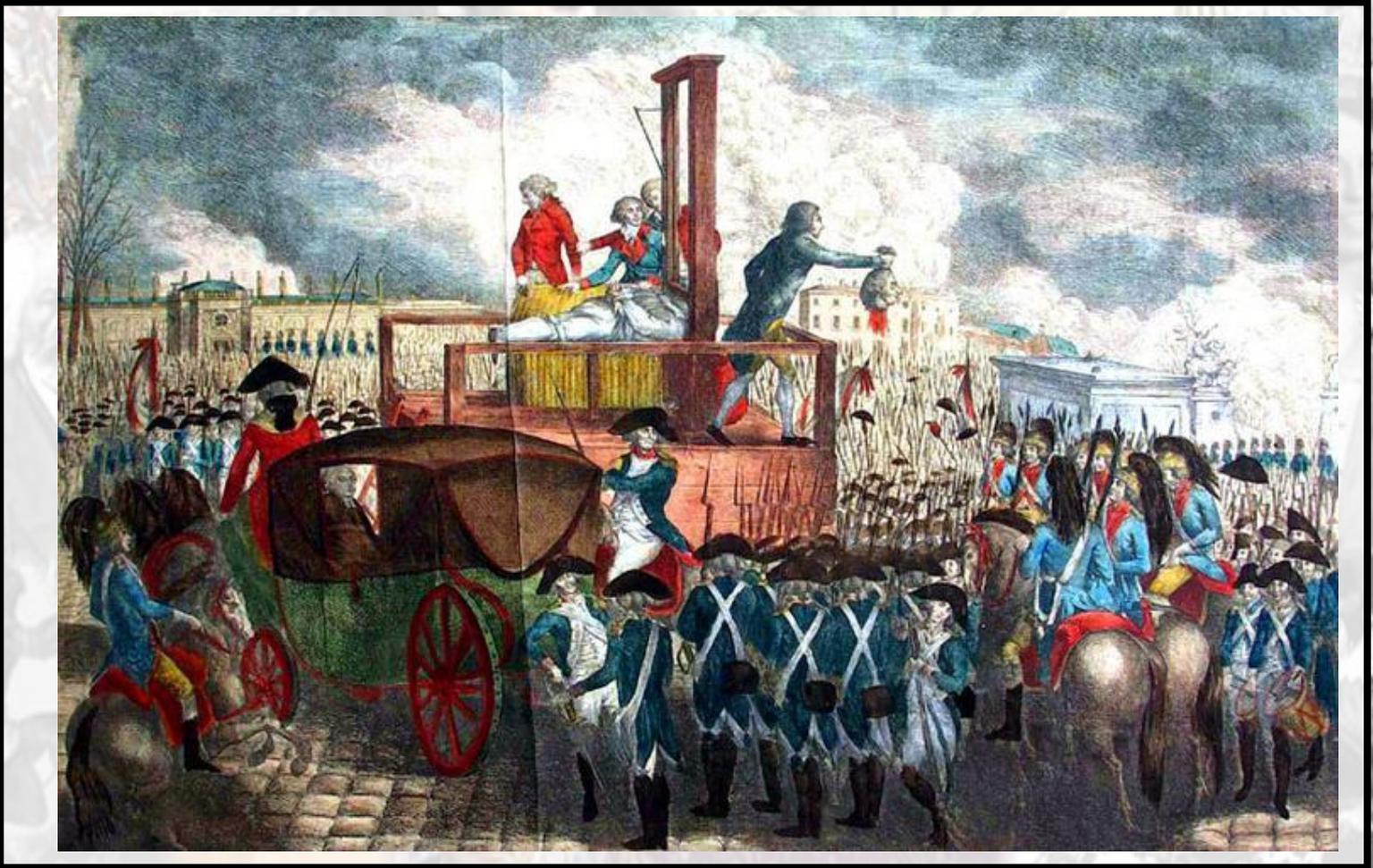


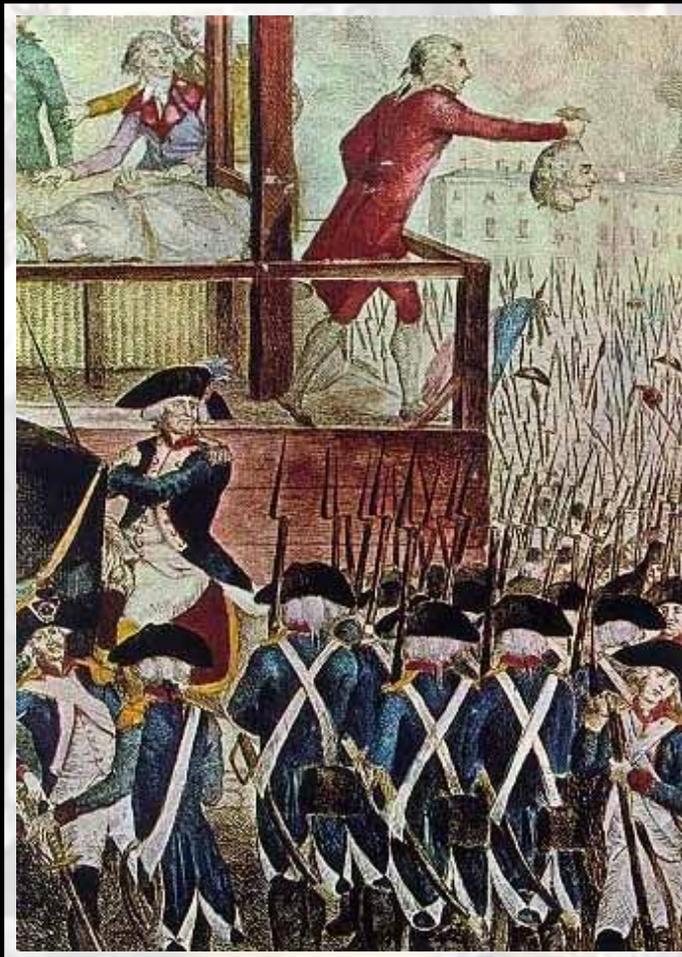
**Louis was beheaded on January 21, 1793 by way of guillotine. He was 38.**



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## GUILLOTINE:

The **Guillotine** was named after a French **physician Joseph Ignace Guillotin** who *proposed* its use (but didn't invent it).

**Guillotin** only advocated the use of the machine as a way to swiftly end someone's life.





## GUILLOTINE:



The **guillotine** consisted of two **12-foot tall upright posts** **grooved with brass** (to prevent warping) on the inside and connected by a cross-beam.



It **sported** a **sharp**, oblique (**angled**) **blade**, placed 7'4" above the victim.





## GUILLOTINE:



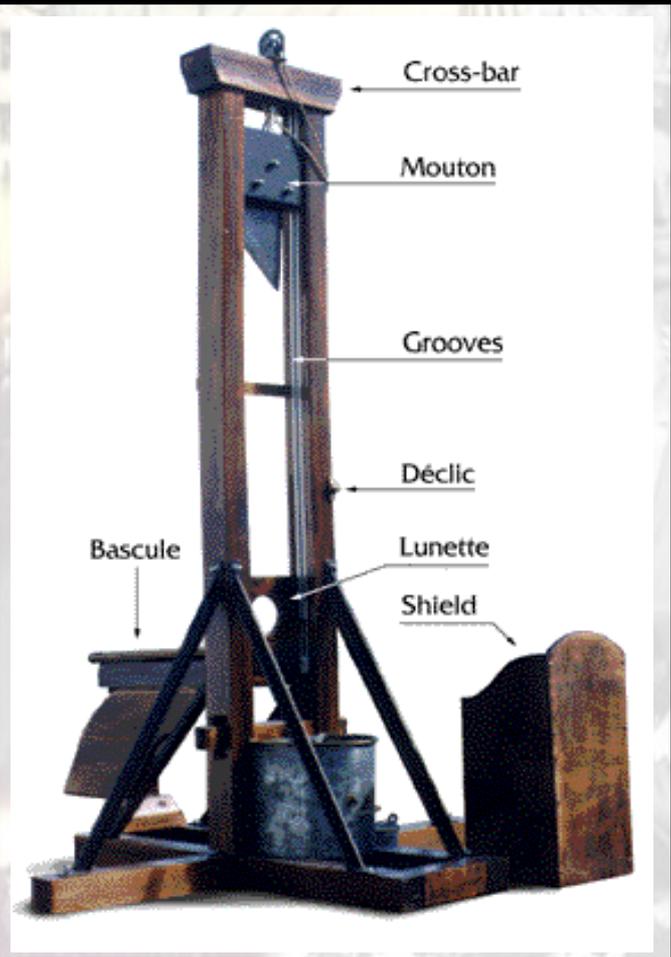
A **22-lb. blade** (88-lbs. if you count the mouton that held it in place) **traveled 21-feet per second... it took 1/40 of a second** for the mouton/blade to **slice through a person's neck.**

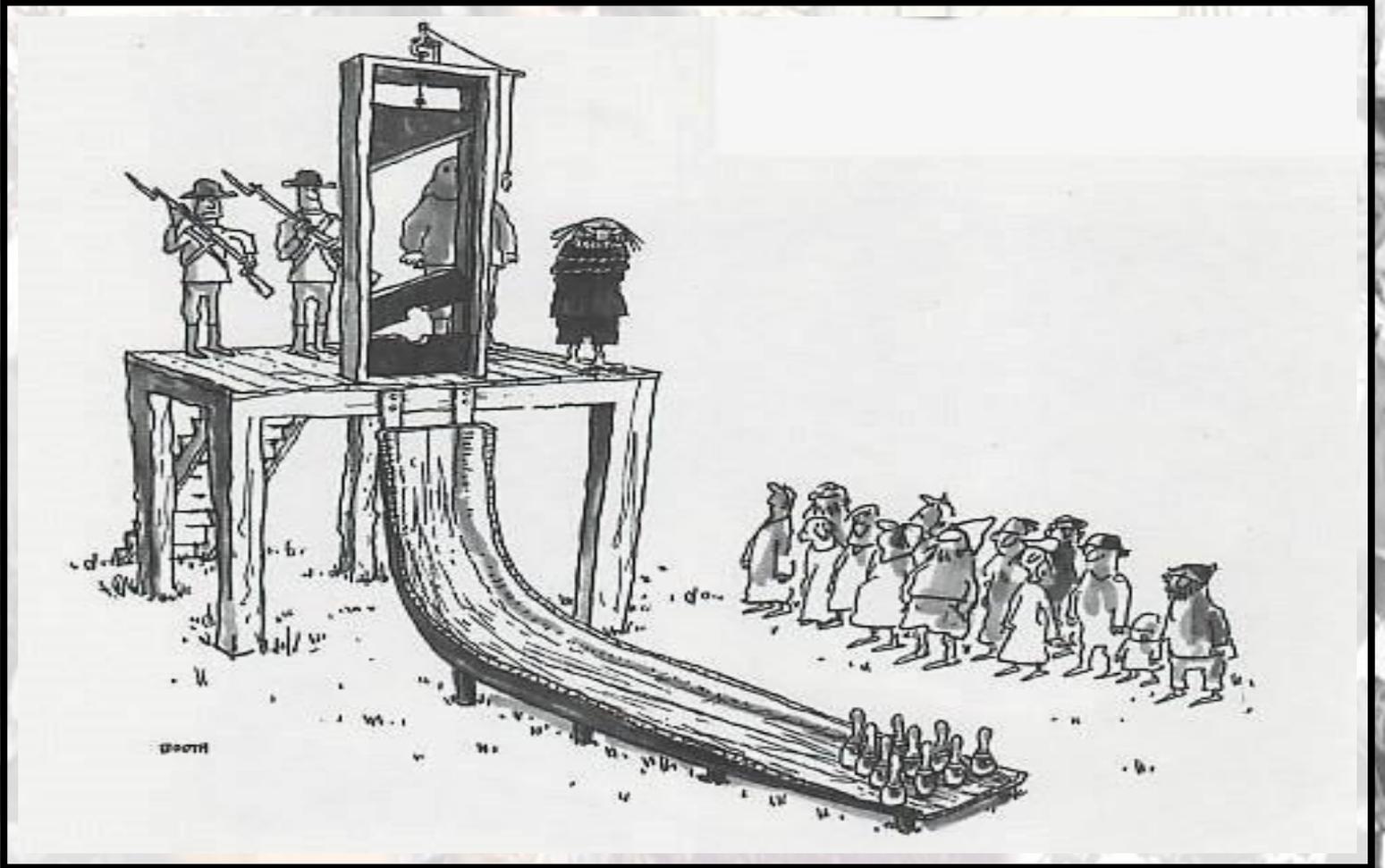


**Power at impact was 888-lb. per square inch.**



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## GUILLOTINE:

Contrary to popular belief, Dr. Guillotin was not guillotined himself. He died of an infection from a carbuncle (a multiple-headed boil) on his left shoulder in 1814.



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## GUILLOTINE:

The association with the "machine of death" so embarrassed Dr. Guillotin's family that they begged the French Government to rename it. When the government refused, the Guillotins changed their family name.



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## GUILLOTINE:

Once severed from the body, it takes a human head between 15-20 seconds before it loses consciousness. In this time, the eyes can blink, the mouth can open and shut, and facial expressions can be discerned.



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**Fun fact!**

## GUILLOTINE:

A scientist condemned to die during the French Revolution told his assistant to watch his eyes after his death because he would attempt to blink as many times as he could. The assistant counted 15-20 blinks after the head was severed... the blinks coming at intervals of 1 second.



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## GUILLOTINE:

After Charlotte Corday d'Armont was guillotined in 1793 for murdering Jean-Paul Marat, the executioner slapped her cheek while holding up her severed head. The cheeks reddened and the face grew angry.

*(And the executioner was sentenced to 3 months in prison for violating "scaffold etiquette".)*



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## GUILLOTINE:

According to another tale, when the heads of 2 rivals in the National Assembly were placed in a bag following their execution, one bit the other so hard that the 2 heads couldn't be separated.



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**Fun fact!**

## GUILLOTINE:

In 1880, a doctor pumped blood from a living dog into the head of the murderer Louis Menesclou 3 hours after his execution. The lips trembled, the eyelids twitched, and it tried to speak, although no words emerged.



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**Fun fact!**

## GUILLOTINE:

In 1905, another doctor claimed that when he called the name of the murderer Henri Languille just after decapitation, the head opened its eyes and focused on him.

Here's what happened →→→



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*"I waited for several seconds. The spasmodic movements ceased. The face relaxed, the lids half closed on the eyeballs.. It was then that I called in a strong, sharp voice: 'Languille!' I saw the eyelids slowly lift up, such as happens in everyday life when people are awakened or torn from their thoughts. Next Languille's eyes fixed themselves on mine and the pupils focused themselves. I was not, then, dealing with a vague dull look without any expression, I was dealing with undeniably living eyes that were looking at me. After several seconds, the eyelids closed again, slowly and evenly, and the head took on the same appearance as it had had before I called out. It was at that point that I called out again and, once more, without any spasm, slowly, the eyelids lifted and undeniably living eyes fixed themselves on mine with perhaps even more penetration than the first time. Then there was a further closing of the eyelids, but now less complete. I attempted the effect of a third call, but the eyes took on the glazed look that they have in the dead. The whole thing had lasted 25 to 30 seconds."*





In 1989, a taxi carrying a U.S. soldier and his friend collided with a truck in Korea. The soldier's friend was decapitated. He wrote: "My friend's head came to rest face up, and (from my angle) upside-down. As I watched, his mouth opened and closed no less than two times. The facial expressions he displayed were first of shock or confusion, followed by terror or grief. I cannot exaggerate and say that he was looking all around, but he did display ocular movement in that his eyes moved from me, to his body, and back to me. He had direct eye contact with me when his eyes took on a hazy, absent expression . . . and he was dead."





## GUILLOTINE:

On **April 25, 1792** Nicolas-Jacques Pelletier was the first "live" victim to be guillotined. (Sheep and cadavers were used to "test" the machine.) The last official use of the guillotine in France took place on **September 10, 1977** when Hamida Djandoubi was executed.



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DID WE  
LEARN  
TODAY?



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**FAST 5: UNIT 3, LESSON 8 (MW 3.08)**

**QUESTION 1** 



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1. Who were the *sans-culottes*?  
What made them even more radical than America's Sons of Liberty?



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**QUESTION 2** 

2. Who was Georges Jacques Danton? For what is he best known for doing during the French Revolution?



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**QUESTION 3** 

3. Who was Jean-Paul Marat? For what is he best known for doing during the French Revolution?



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4. When was King Louis XVI executed? Why did the National Convention choose to execute him? How did the execute him?



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**QUESTION 5**

5. Once severed from the body, what happens to the human head?



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