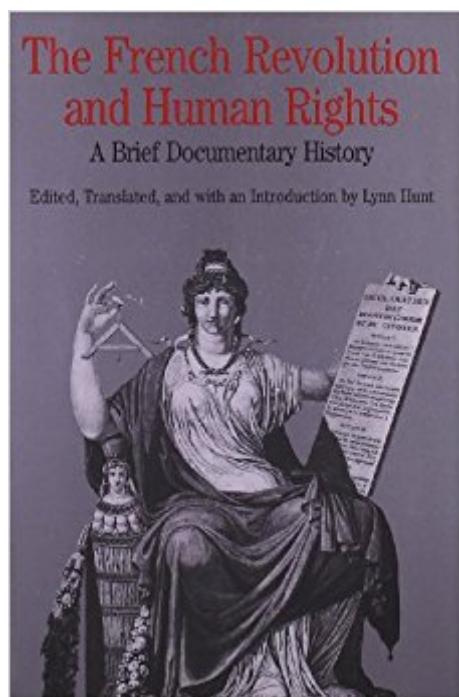


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# The French Revolution And Human Rights: A Brief Documentary History (Bedford Series In History And Culture)



## **Synopsis**

This brief documentary history includes 38 documents that explore the issue of rights and citizenship in Revolutionary France and the movement that helped define modern notions of civil rights.

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"This outstanding documentary history will be of interest not only to students (and teachers) of the French Revolution but also to anyone interested in the history of human rights. It offers an unprecedented range of documents on a compelling and timely theme, introduced by the author's characteristic insight and clarity."

LYNN HUNT, Eugen Weber Professor of Modern European History at University of California at Los Angeles, received her B.A. from Carleton College and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Stanford University. She is the author of "Revolution and Urban Politics in Provincial France" (1978), "Politics, Culture, and Class in the French Revolution" (1984), and "The Family Romance of the French Revolution" (1992); she is also the co-author of "Telling the Truth About History" (1994), co-author of "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity: Exploring the French Revolution" (2001, with CD-ROM), editor of "The New Cultural History" (1989), editor and translator of "The French Revolution and Human Rights" (1996), and co-editor of "Histories: French Constructions of the Past" (1995), "Beyond the Cultural Turn" (1999), and "Human Rights and Revolutions" (2000). She has been awarded fellowships by the

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This book is a critical compilation of texts necessary for understanding the context of the French Revolution. It does, of course, contain such important documents as the "Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen," but also moves beyond this to provide further examples, via solely source material, of the conflict within the National Assembly over what exactly these rights should be. Furthermore, where the book retains particular relevance is via its presentation of the plights of other minorities, namely women, slaves, and the low professions, and the struggles of these respective groups (including religious minorities) over the course of the Revolution for the maintenance of their own respective rights, even after the fall of the monarchy. All in all, this is a great presentation of the French Revolution for all scholars seeking source material, albeit in English. The translation is very fair, in this respect.

If you need to write about the French revolution then this is the book for you. My son used it for his paper but I just read it for pleasure it was informative and insightful.

Book was just as described, it was used with minor highlighting but the highlighting was not very significant which is primarily why i did not mind.

My nephew has gone off to college this year and some of his books were so expensive we were lucky to find some of them here on and at a way better price than a retailer. Very pleased with the books we were able to find!

The primary documents provided by Hunt place the French Revolution in a whole new perspective. Used this book for a Modern Europe class in college. Very well put together. Probably not a book you'd read from cover to cover though.

The title of the book is totally accurate. What we find in it is a brief, but also objective and straightforward, history of important issues that shaped the French Revolution and the contemporary political institution building processes. The book distributes important speeches, proposed bills and other documents in different sections, each of which dealing with specific

problems (slavery, equality of citizens' rights, the status of the jews etc). It is a very useful book for those who are not scholars in the area but are looking for some reliable source. I highly recommend it.

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