

CAUSES OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION: CER (SAMPLE RESPONSE)

Question: *What was the main cause of the French Revolution?*

Claim:

The main cause of the French Revolution was the lack of representation the Third Estate had when voting on anything.

Evidence: *(Reference at least one document.)*

In the brochure “What is the Third Estate?” the author wrote about the lack of political representation the Third Estate had and the need to fight for representation. The brochure says that the Third Estate did most of the work in the country.

Reasoning: *(Explain **how** the document supports your claim.)*

The people in the Third Estate did not feel that they could ever change anything because they were always going to be outvoted by the First and Second Estate. The Third Estate made up almost all of France’s population, but the people in it were not treated equally. This is what led to the revolution.