The French Revolution

An Allegory of understanding

Task:

Your task is to create an **allegory** of the French revolution. An allegory is an extended analogy that ***informs***. In your case, you’ll be constructing an extended analogy that informs **5th grade students** about the **causes, events, and effects of the French revolution. So, you need a story that covers it all, but is SIMPLE enough for a 5th grader to understand!! You’ll read these stories to 5th grade students at AISV!**

Process:

1. Get in groups of not larger than 3; ideally 2.
2. Choose an analogy – It’s best to use existing narratives: Pokemon, Disney movies, television shows/series, the Avengers, etc. choose an existing “world” and manipulate the events to mirror those of the French revolution.
3. Assign characters **roles**
4. Sketch out the events. This is easy in that you ***know*** the events, but hard in that you need to make it clear, simple and cohesive. Your allegory needs to make sense.
5. Choose a medium for your story. This can be comic strip style with dialogue boxes, hand written and hand drawn, computer written in standard “picture above, text below” format etc.
6. Write your story and create your illustrations!!!

Requirements:

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| People | Events | Concepts |
| * Robespierre
* Louis XVI
* Marie Antoinette
* Danton
* Napoleon
 | * Storming of bastille
* “tennis court oath”
* Financial crisis
* March on Versailles
* Declaration of the rights of man
* Killing of the king
* Reign of terror
* Death of Robespierre
* External war with Austria / Prussia
* Committee of Public safety
* Napoleon crowned emperor
 | * Societal factors leading to revolution
* Economic factors leading to revolution
* Enlightenment impact on revolutionary ideas
* The overthrow of feudalism
* Hypocrisy of the Reign of Terror
* Napoleon seizing power as an “emperor” (the end)
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You will need to include a “GLOSSARY” of all the above “people” and “events” at the back of your project

Assessment:

You’ll be assessed according to the following rubric: ON BACK OF PAPER