

*The process of history-making conflicts*  
*Subjectively revisiting three historical*  
*conflicts in Process Work terms*

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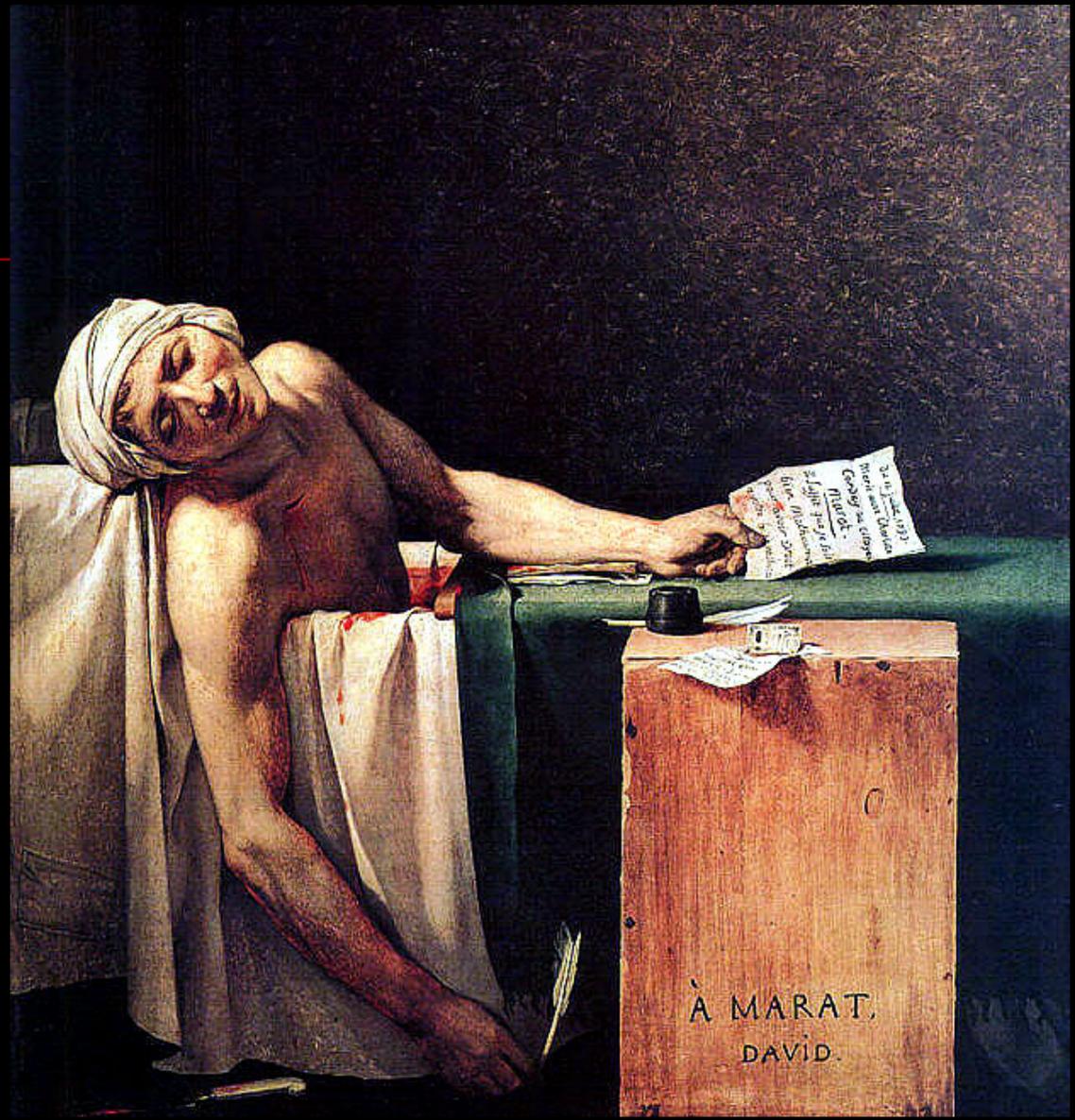
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History is merely a list of surprises. It can only  
prepare us to be surprised yet again.

Kurt Vonnegut

*The first flirt*

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*Charlotte Corday*

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"I killed one man to save  
100,000"



## *The French Revolution: the background*

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- 🌍 The French society: the clergy, the nobility, the bourgeoisie, and the peasantry
- 🌍 Land ownership defined social divisions
- 🌍 Rise of philanthropy
- 🌍 The philosophers
- 🌍 The American Revolution
- 🌍 Nationhood

## *The Aristocratic Revolution*

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- 🌐 The nobility was asked to make financial sacrifices to resolve a financial crisis
- 🌐 Nobles reacted and formed resistance organizations
- 🌐 Royal power suffered the first blow

## *The Bourgeois Revolution*

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- 🌐 Nobility's resistance led to the convention of the Estates-General
- 🌐 The bourgeois considered this as a royal permission to express their opinions
- 🌐 The aristocrats would not consider reaching an agreement with the bourgeois, so an unspoken war began.
- 🌐 The first “act of war” was the nobility blocking the Estates-General

## *The roles*

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- 🌐 The privileged and the underprivileged
- 🌐 The petty bourgeoisie and the people were the ghost roles
- 🌐 The role of the elder was assigned to the king, who was desperately trying to remain neutral

## *The hot spot*

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- 🌐 Each order in the Estates-General was assigned a particular dress for their presentation to the king: the nobility was in all their magnificence, while the Third Estate wore black.
- 🌐 As a result, the Third Estate took the name Commons, refusing the hierarchy.
- 🌐 The clergy asked for royal intervention, the nobility refused, and the revolution began.

## *The result of delayed interventions..*

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- 🌐 By the time the king intervened, granting the Third Estate the power to consent to taxes, another demand had appeared: the demand for a Constitution
- 🌐 The Third Estate refused to leave the Estates-General, the king had to succumb, but they were already considered to be rebels and the army was getting ready to intervene

## *The Popular Revolution*

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- 🌐 The fall of the Bastille and the first Revolutionary Committee
- 🌐 The king had lost his power
- 🌐 The Great Fear of the nobility and the bourgeoisie

# *The Declaration of the Rights of the Man and the Citizen*

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- 🌐 Liberty, equality and national sovereignty
- 🌐 The Declaration was constitutional and the Constitution was “anterior to monarchy”
- 🌐 The Assembly became the ruler

# *The myth and the primary process of the French Revolution*

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- 🌐 Equality, liberty, fraternity
- 🌐 “men are born and remain free and equal in rights”
- 🌐 Resistance to oppression became legitimate
- 🌐 Individual effort, intelligence and enterprise were celebrated

## *The secondary processes*

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- 🌐 The competent and the strong would flourish, but the less competent and the weak would perish
- 🌐 Equality could not be guaranteed, it had to be gained
- 🌐 The ghost of slavery was still there (“man should enjoy liberty according to reason and with the guidance of virtue”)
- 🌐 In France, the criterion for participation in elections was the amount of money paid in taxes.

## *Aftereffects of the French Revolution*

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- 🌐 The second Revolution and the Terror
- 🌐 The oppressor became the oppressed
- 🌐 The execution of the King, and the reoccurrence of this (unprocessed role) with Napoleon Bonaparte
- 🌐 And also the creation and the expression of a new high dream for the humanity

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Whenever you find that you are on the side of the majority, it is time to reform.

Mark Twain