

REVOLUTIONS

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This course examines the many revolutions that rippled through the French-speaking world from the 18th to the 21st century: the French Revolution, the Haitian Revolution, the Paris Commune, Burkina Faso's Communist revolution, the Kanak independence war, and the Arab Spring. How successful was each revolution in shifting power to "the people"? Whose position improved and whose did not? Can any lessons be transposed to contemporary politics?



Primary materials include plays, films, poetry, novels, essays, songs, and speeches by revolutionaries such as Maximilien Robespierre, Victor Hugo, Aimé Césaire, Thomas Sankara, Déwé Göröidé, Titaua Peu, and Youssef El Chazli.

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