

The Haitian Revolution



The World of the Atlantic Revolutions

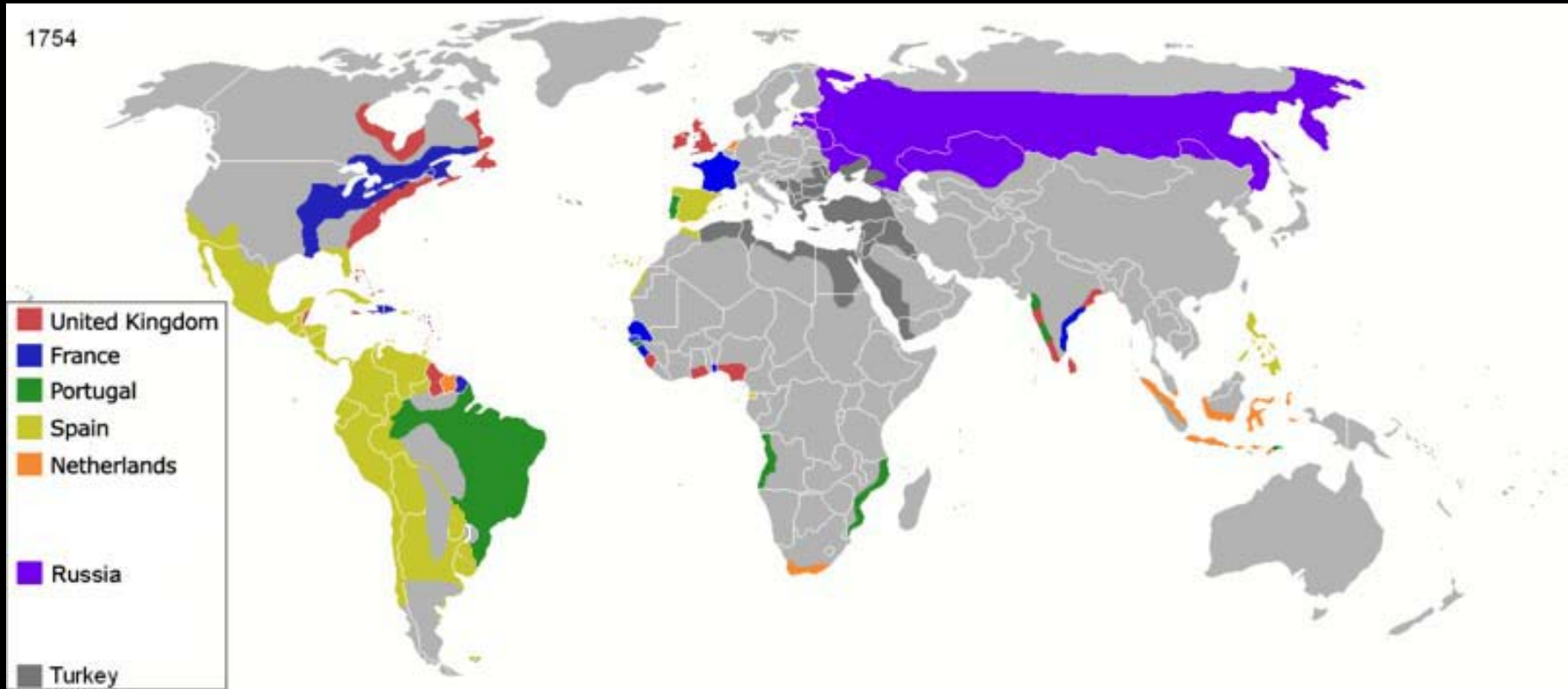


Image from Wikimedia Commons, <http://commons.wikimedia.org>

**Empires and Conflicts During the
Seven Years War, 1756-1763**

The Americas by 1830

Image removed due to copyright restrictions.

Please see the various independence movements of the Americas ca. 1830, illustrated here:

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Non-Native_American_Nations_Control_over_N_America_1750-2008.gif

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Political_Evolution_of_Central_America_and_the_Caribbean_1700_and_on.gif

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Image:Non-Native_American_Nations_Control_over_South_America_1700_and_on.gif

A Time of Transition

Monarchy → Republic

Theology → Laws of Nature

Birth → Merit

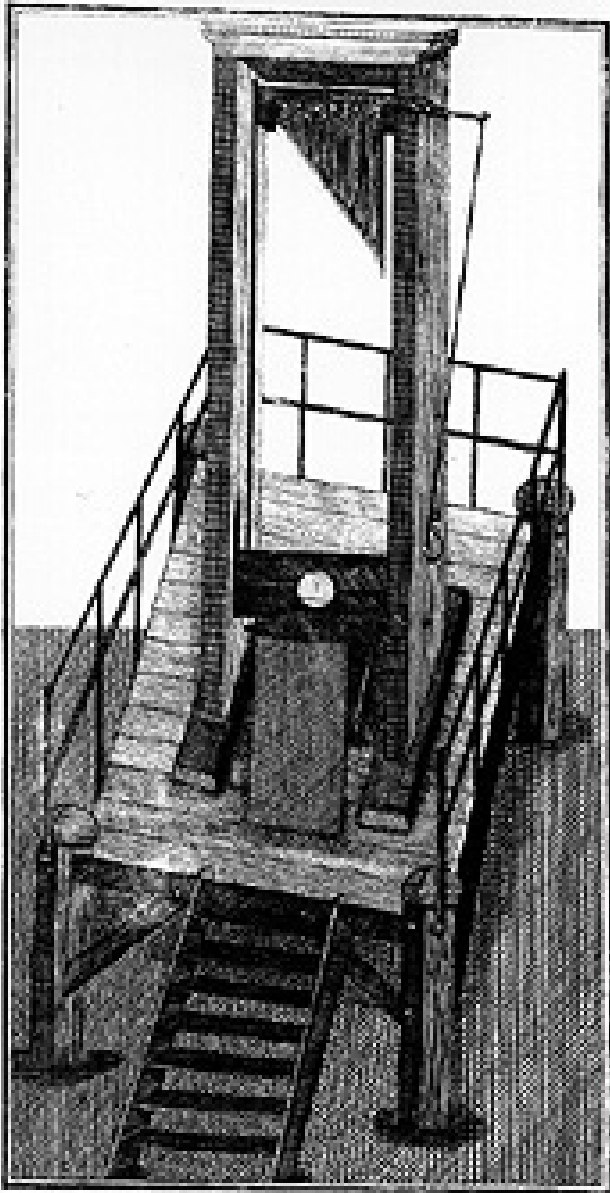
Subject → Citizen

Key Political Issues in the Age of the Atlantic Revolutions

Constitution-Making

Defining the Citizen

Democracy: Direct or Representative?



LA VÉRITABLE GUILLOTINE ORDINAIRE.
PAR LE BON SOUTIEN POUR LA LIBERTÉ.

The French Revolution:

*The Reign of
Terror,
1793-1794*

Leading up to the Terror

**August 1792: End of
Constitutional Monarchy**

**January 1793:
Execution of Louis XVI**

**Summer 1793: Suspension of the
Republican Constitution of 1793**

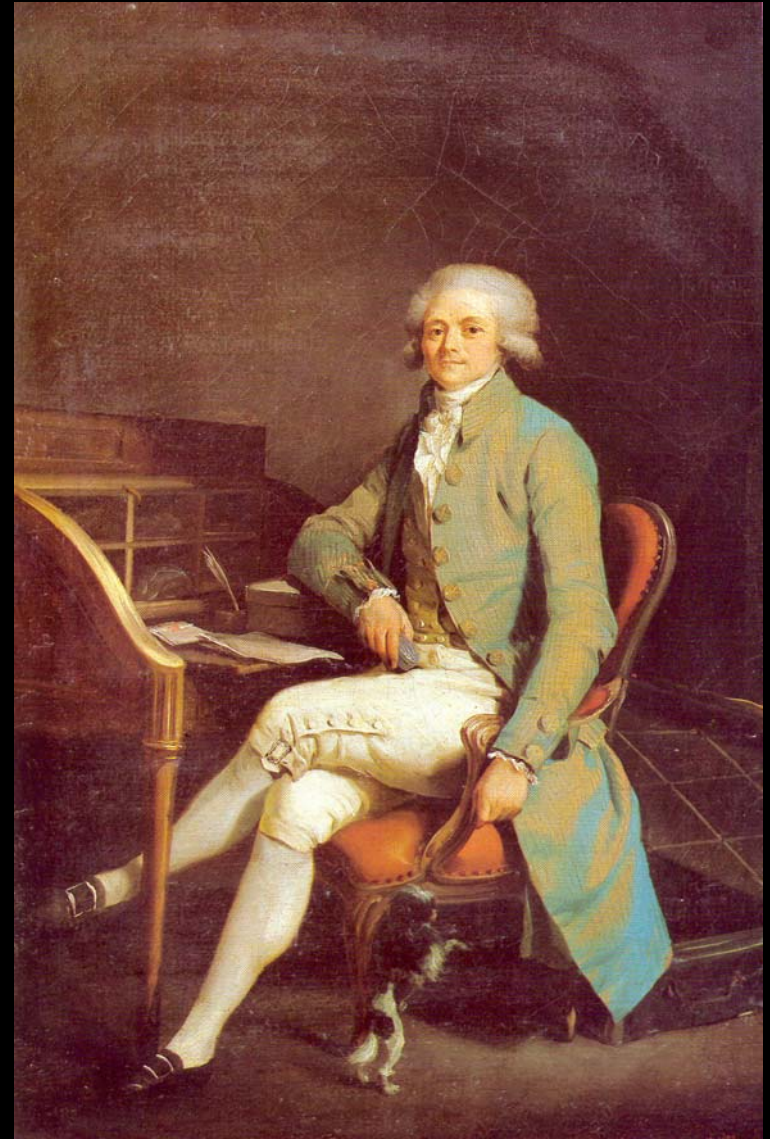
A Time of Crisis

Foreign Threat

Domestic Enemies

Food Shortages

Financial Speculation



*Portrait of Maximilien Robespierre,
by Louis-Léopold Boilly*

Drastic Measures



**Law of
Suspects**

**“Make Terror
the order
of the day!”**

Tremble, Tyrants!

A Revolution Saved, But at What Price?

**2,625 Convictions and
Executions in Paris**

**16,600 Convictions and
Executions Nationwide**



*Allegorical Drawing of the Terror,
attributed to Pierre-Paul Prud'hon*

***The Haitian
Revolution,
1791-1804***



Portrait of Jean-Baptiste Belley,
by Anne-Louis Girodet, 1798

The Caribbean Today

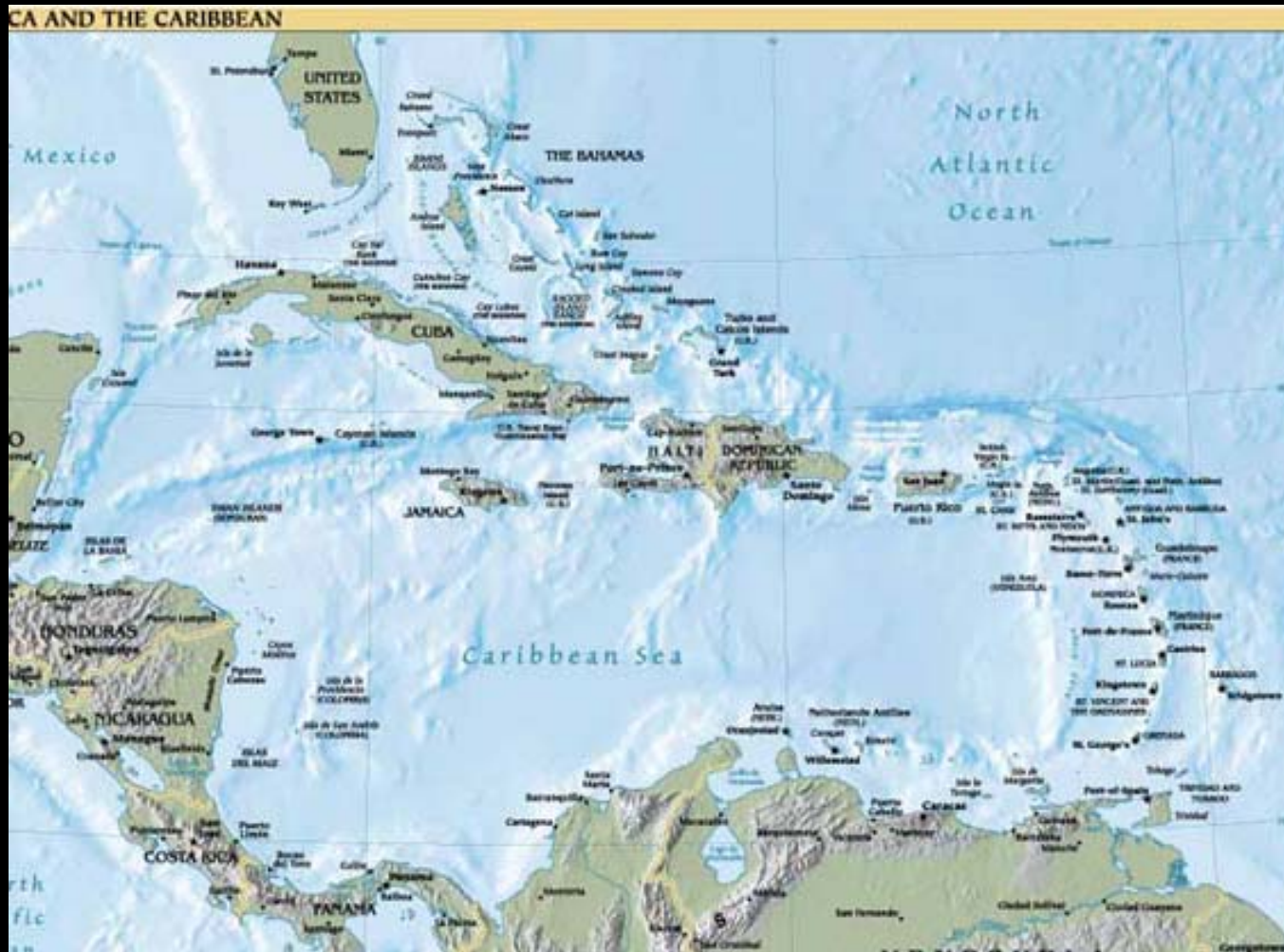


Table removed due to copyright restrictions. Please see
<http://chnm.gmu.edu/revolution/searchimages/899.jpg>

A Profitable Colony

2/5 of France's total colonial profits

Saint Domingue alone exports one-third more than all the British West Indies combined

French re-exports of goods processed from Saint Domingue raw material rose from 15 Million *livres* in 1715 to 152 million in 1789

Of 424 million *livres* exported to Europe, Americas, and the Near East in 1788, 152 million originated in Saint Domingue



J. M. Mercurio inv.

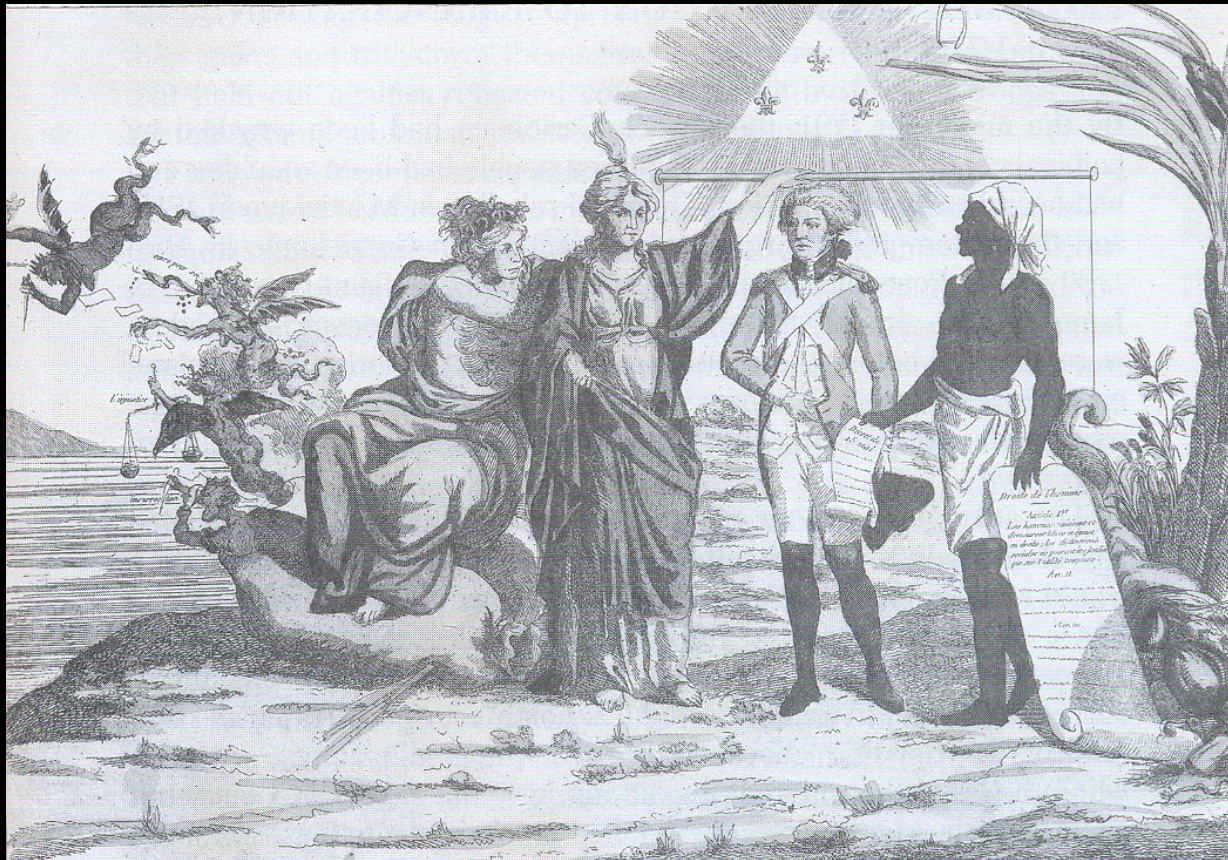
J. M. Mercurio del.

Homo sum; humani nihil a me alienum puto . Ter

Je suis Homme; et rien de ce qui intéresse l'Homme ne m'est étranger .

**“I am a man,
and nothing of
interest to men
is foreign to me.”**

1789-1791: Questions of Citizenship and Equality in Saint Domingue



Mortals are Equal,
Anonymous Engraving, 1791

The Slave Uprising, August 1791



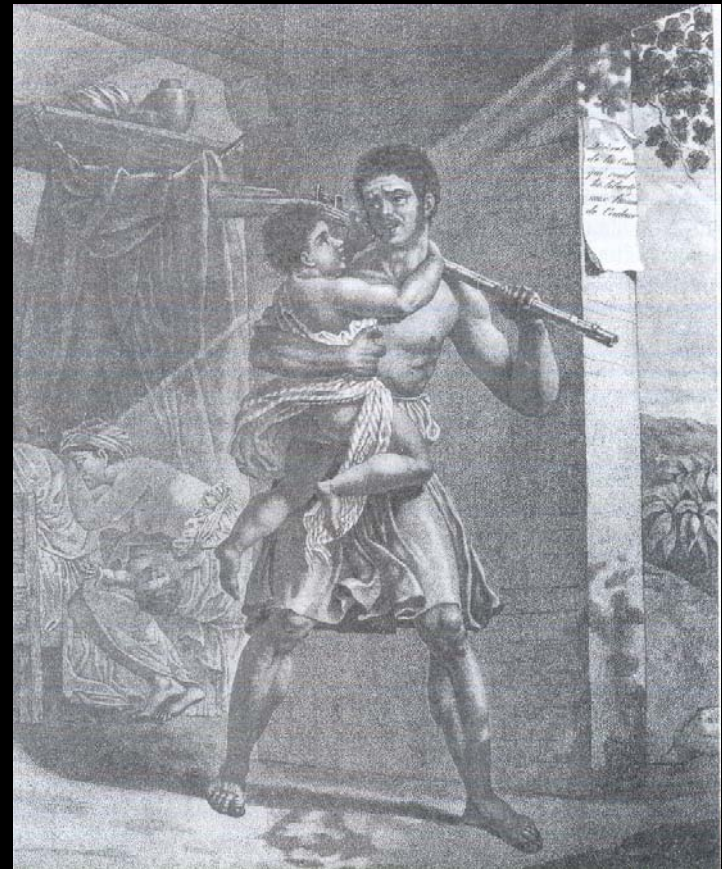
The Burning of Cap-Français

1791-1798: Toussaint Louverture, Former slaves, and Imperial Competition in the Atlantic World



Toussaint Louverture (1743-1803)

*Portrait of Toussaint Louverture,
not based on real life*



The Black Soldier

From the Directory to Napoleon



The Creation of a Black Nation: The Haitian Constitution, 1805

Article 2: Slavery is abolished forever.

Article 12: No white man, regardless of nationality, may set foot in this territory as a master or landowner, nor will he ever be able to acquire property

Article 14: Because all distinctions of color among children of the same family must necessarily stop, Haitians will henceforth only be known generically as Blacks.