

POWER

Power is the ability to make and carry out decisions through force, authority, and influence.

Force – is the ability to use resources, numbers, and/or organizations to coerce individuals and groups to accept a decision.

Authority – comes from the acceptance by society of the right by some individual or group to make and carry out decisions.

Influence – is based on respect for the individual making the decision because of factors like wealth, charisma, special abilities, intellectual capacity, and/or strength of character.

1. What kind of power do your teachers have? Explain.
2. What kind of power do your parents have? Explain.
3. What kind of power did Louis XVI have, and how does that compare to the kind of power that Robespierre had?

*Go to the computer lab and find examples of famous leaders. Once you've found a famous leader, print off a picture along with their name, and place it on the display in the classroom. Be prepared to explain why you placed your example where you did.