### Why did the Terror start & why did it end?

**Why did the Terror start?**

- The Republic was facing a crisis and needed to impose order.
- The Committee of Public Safety was formed to deal with counter-revolutionaries.
- The Jacobins-led Convention wanted to maintain control.

**Why did it end?**

- The Jacobins lost power and the Committees of Public Safety were dissolved.
- The Convention was replaced by the Directory.

### Terror Estimates

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### How important was the Terror for the Revolution to survive?

- It enabled the Convention to deal with counter-revolutionaries.
- It maintained control over the provinces.

### Benefits?

- The Maximum made sure prices didn’t rise too high which then met the demands of the sans-culottes.

### Costs?

- Violence & bloodshed.
- Radicalisation of the Revolution.

### Methods in a state of emergency.

- No government could rule by normal methods in a state of emergency.

### The Great Terror

- Begun because of the need to organise the Republic against internal and external threats to its survival.
- Earliest terror in the autumn of 1792 began with the Attack on the Tuileries & the September Massacres caused by concern over the loss of foreign sympathy and moderate support.
- France’s poor war performance with the capture of Verdun & fear/anger over the Brunswick Manifesto.
- This stage ended with the execution of Girondins in March-June 1793.
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### Political change in 1793

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### The Jacobins

- The Jacobins & the Plain saw the Girondins as the responsible for war failures - several Girondins were arrested.
- The Jacobins wanted to strengthen their position.

### The Robespierre coup of Thermidor

- Robespierre’s fall came in the revolutionary month of Thermidor when the Jacobins were the most powerful.

### The White Terror

- Some areas suffered huge losses whilst others were relatively unscathed.

### Bear in mind that estimates of those killed in the Terror are unreliable - some sources state over 100,000.

### Loss of foreign sympathy and moderate support

- The Republic was facing a crisis which required immediate measures.

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