The Three Estates of France

1. Which group of people were at the top of the social pyramid of France?

2. What percentage of the total population of France did this group represent?

3. Which groups of people made up the middle class?

First Estate—Clergy
(1% of population)

Second Estate—Nobility
(2% of population)

Third Estate
(97% of population)

Bishops & Abbots
Parish Priests
High leaders in government and the military
Large landowners and nobles
Middle Class
- Doctors
- Lawyers
- Merchants
- Business Managers
Artisans
Peasants