

THIRD PAPER TOPICS

Requirements

- 1) Please write a three-page paper in response to **ONE** of the topics below. The text should be double-spaced. The paper is due by 2:30 PM on Wednesday, November 9.
- 2) Your paper must be computer-processed. Please give your paper a title, and write your name on the back of the last page. Do not write your name elsewhere on the paper. All pages should be numbered.
- 3) Citations to texts read in this course should be made in parentheses in your paper. For example, if you refer to a passage on page 13 of Beik's *Louis XIV and Absolutism*, indicate this in the following manner at the end of your sentence, after the period: (Beik, 13) Full citations to any work not assigned in class should be made in footnote or endnote form.

Topics

- 1) Read Olympe de Gouges' *Declaration of the Rights of Woman and Female Citizen*. (You can find a link to it in Chapter 3, "Enlightenment and Human Rights," of the online textbook on the Revolution. Go to the fourth page of the chapter, and click on the second link in the left-hand side under the heading "Feminist Goals.") Select one or two articles in Olympe de Gouges' declaration, and compare them to their counterparts in the *Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen* from 1789 (Chapter 3, "Enlightenment and Human Rights," page 1, "Rights" in the left-hand column, first document). In what ways does de Gouges wish to modify the 1789 plan for citizenship under a constitutional monarchy?
- 2) On 8 June 1794, the French celebrated the "Festival of the Supreme Being." Read the description of this event, paying special attention to Robespierre's speech given on this occasion. (French Revolution web site, Chapter 7, page 3, link to "Revolutionary Belief in God" on left side of page. Look at the two images of the Festival as well.) Two days later, the Committee of Public Safety proposed a new law regarding the prosecution of enemies of the Revolution. Read the "Law of 22 Prairial Year II." (French Revolution web site, Chapter 7, page 3, link to "Terror Intensified" on left side of page, first document.) Do you see any relation between these two events which occurred only two days apart in June 1794?