

1. Our constitution is finished, and we now have a chance to create the France that we have long envisioned. *(pause)* Our vision for France is to have a democracy for the people – who are intrinsically good at heart. A democracy in which poverty is honorable, power is innocuous, and the vulnerable are safe from oppression. A democracy that is majestic, and above all – good. *(pause)* We will have equality for all – rich or poor, male or female. All titles shall be done away with. From this moment on, all shall be called “citizen!”

3. Citizen Louis Capet – by order of the National Assembly you are condemned to death for conspiracy against public liberty and general safety. *(king gives speech)*

Widow Capet – by order of the National Assembly you are condemned to death for treason. *(queen tries to give speech)*

2. France no longer has a king. Citizen Louis Capet, now dethroned, is only a threat to liberty and national peace.

*CLAUDE: But what will be done with Citizen Capet?*

For a king dethroned in the bosom of a revolution – a king whose name attracts the scourge of war upon a troubled nation – neither prison nor exile is sufficient to ensure that we are able to maintain public happiness.

*(pause)*

*(deliberately)* with regret I pronounce this fateful truth. Louis must die so that the nation may live.

4. Fellow-citizens of France, we have no need of a corrupt monarchy to advance the public well-being of our beloved nation. You yourselves are capable of this – mankind is good – fundamentally good – and we are able of our own strength to stand our ground against the nations of Europe.

*ALL PEASANTS: (ad lib cheering) Liberty! Equality! Fraternity! Long live France!*

*(walking along front of stage)* But the danger is not just outside our borders. The revolution is still in its infancy and in danger of being sabotaged. *(vehemently)* We must make terror the order of the day! Let us be in *revolution*, because all around us *counter-revolution* is being woven by our enemies. *(gesturing to the guillotine)* The blade of the law should hover all the guilty.

5. Citizen Henri Rousseau – for crimes against the state.

*(knitting woman speak)*

Citizen Bernard Dupont – for refusing to swear an oath of loyalty to the French Republic.

Citizen Jeannet Du Barry – for her allegiance to the monarchy.

*(she speaks)*

6. We know who our enemies are – they laugh at us, saying we can't prove their treason. Let's force *them* to prove their innocence. Guilty until proven innocent!

Citizen Camille Desmoulins. This man is guilty of printing anti-revolutionary ideas.

*(Camille walks in front of stage, speaks, is executed)*

Citizen Lucille Desmoulins - This woman is guilty of conspiracy against the revolution

*(Lucille clutches at Robespierre as she approaches him, speaks, Robespierre brushes her off, she is executed)*

7. We have to punish not only the *traitors* of the revolution, but even those who are *indifferent*. We have to punish those that are *passive* in the republic, and do nothing for it.

*(ROBE exits stage right in a hurry and begins pulling people from the audience, calling out a reason for each one, and growing increasingly crazed)*

guilty of treason...

guilty of hoarding food...

guilty of evading the draft...

guilty of hiding a priest...

This woman refused to take an oath of loyalty to the republic.

This man was caught wearing white – they symbol of royalty.

This woman showed remorse at the death of her guilty husband.

8. My beloved Republic. Man needs to reach for something higher than himself. I have never waived in my belief that there is some great power watching over us – protecting the innocent, blessing the virtuous, condemning the wicked. People of France, what could we offer as a more worthy gift to our God than the vision of Paris this day?