Early Modern France
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Surveys/General:

Politics:

Society/Economy:

**Nobility:**


**Popular Culture:**


**Family/Sex/Gender:**


**Religion:**


**Literacy/History of Reading:**


**Crime/Poverty:**

**Colonization/Slavery/Atlantic Economy:**


**Enlightenment:**

Isaac Kramnick. *An Enlightenment Reader.*

(and other Enlightenment primary sources)


---------*The Literary Underground of the Old Regime.* Cambridge: Harvard University


**French Revolution:**


**Revolution in Culture:**


In May 1758, a bailiff named Jean Moriceau de La Motte was arrested for carrying seditious flyers and uttering mauvais discours against Louis XV. When he was questioned at the Bastille over the next several months, La Motte was unequivocal in his loyalty to the king, but his insistence failed to convince the police and probably hurt his case more than would have a simple admission of guilt. He was sentenced to be hanged on the Place de Grève after Seditious Speech in the Reign of Louis XV (Charlottesville and London, 2000). Google Scholar. 3. Steven Kaplan finds little sentiment throughout France in favor of simple guild abolition in the cahiers de doléances, with only a single community in Paris favoring suppression: Steven Kaplan, La fin des corporations, 376. Timothy Tackett, Par la volonté du peuple. Comment les députés de 1789 sont devenus révolutionnaires (Paris, 1997). Google Scholar. Graham, Lisa. If the King Only Knew. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 2000. In this book, Lisa Jane Graham looks at police files from the eighteenth-century and uncovers fascinating clues to conflicting attitudes of the French subjects toward royal authority. Many subjects at the time did not recognize that their tongues could get them into serious trouble. The crown did not accept a wide range of political speech and often times turned such speech into crimes. RM Gruder, Vivian R. The Question of Marie-Antoinette: The Queen and Public Opinion before the Revolution. French Hist