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- Main Idea(Objective):



- French Kings called the **Capetians** conquered lands held by the English in Western France and set up France's first Parliament.

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- **Lecture Focus (Essential Question):**



- Have you ever been part of a survey? Maybe one was taken in a class or team activity? Lets find out how one French King found out what his people were thinking.

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- In 843 C.E. Charlemagne's empire was divided into three parts.

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- The western part eventually came to have control over the Kingdom's biggest city... **Paris**.

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- In 987 C.E. Frankish Nobles chose **Hugh Capet** to be their King.



- Hugh was the first of the Capetian Kings of France.



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- The Capetians controlled the area around Paris.



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- At this time many French nobles actually had more power than the kings did in France.



- This all began to change when **Philip II** became king of France.

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- Philip ruled from 1180 C.E. to 1223 C.E.



- When he took the throne, England's king ruled parts of Western France...specifically the former Viking Territory known as Normandy.

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- Phillip wanted complete control over France and decided to go to war against England for control over all territory in Western France.

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- As a result of King Phillip's wars against England, French Kings gained more land and became more powerful throughout history.
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- The next King of France, **Philip IV**, called "**Philip the Fair**", ruled from 1285 to 1314.



- In 1302 he met with representatives from "**Three estates**", or also called "**classes**", of French society, to help ensure his kingdom was taking care of its people.

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- The **First Estate** was the **Roman Catholic Clergy**, or people who had been ordained as priests. •

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- Nobles made up the **Second Estate** and **Townspeople** and **Peasants** were the **Third Estate**.



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- The meeting began the **Estates General**, France's first **Parliament**.



- It was the first step in France towards a fair **Representative Government**, where everyone could have a say in laws...just like the Magna Carta in England.

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- 1) What was the name of the first Kings who ruled France?
- 2) What country did Philip II go to war with over land in Western France?
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- 4) Why was the Estates General important?

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- **England for control over parts of Western France...Normandy**

3) What were the names of the three estates in the Estates General?

- **Roman Catholic Clergy / Nobles / Townspeople and Peasants**

4) Why was the Estates General important?

- **It began France's Parliament and was the first step in a fair representative government.**

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- **Philip was unhappy with English Kings control Western France and went to war over the land...he eventually won back the land.**

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- **England's Parliament was made up of two houses, The House of Lords and the House of Commons...France's Parliament was made of three Estates, The Clergy, Nobles and the Townspeople/Peasants.**

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- **What do Kings Do?**

- You have seen many strong and effective monarchs who were followed by weak and incompetent rulers.
- Remember Charlemagne, Justinian, Constantine and William the Conqueror.
- **Your task is to write a “Top Ten” list of advice these Kings could have given their successors in order to avoid the weakening or loss to their kingdom.**