His 5250, week 8-9, French Peasant Revolts and the Fronde, 17th Century

Questions for Mousnier, “Nu-Pieds, 1639”
--What are the Estates General (last met 1614)? The provincial Estates (last met 1635)? Parlement?

--88) “the gentry and the magistrates were encouraging the people not to pay the taille” True? Meaning?

--91) “a royal judge ...incited the people of the town ...to take up arms” Significance?

--94) the men attacking the élus “‘armed with torches, halberds, sticks pointed at both ends” (Relate to the clubmen, Underdown)

--97) Why the name? Relate to Capt. Skimmington, etc. Regional? Class?


--Define pays? Province?

--101) “Only the southern part of Cotentin became fully active in the rising ...The rebel area had a granite soil, impermeable and poor. Its landscape was already that of the Bocage: small fields enclosed by dykes.... The crops were poor–rye and buckwheat ...and there was extensive heathland.” Relate to Underdown?

--Importance of Col. Sandhills, the printed orders, and the poem? An “Army of Suffering”? 

--Compare and contrast Mousnier with Porchnev

Glossary: principally of taxes, administrative jurisdictions, and government offices in 17th-century France

ban et arrière-ban  The traditional proclamation issued to muster the nobility for military service.

cahier  A petition or list of grievances.

crue  A new or increased direct tax.

échevin  A member of a municipal corporation.

écu  A coin whose value depended on it declared value in terms of the money of account, the livre. Circa 1700s it was valued at 3 livres.

élection  An administrative district within a généralité for purposes of levying taille, and other taxes, under the jurisdiction of élus.

labourer  A prosperous peasant-farmer.

gabelle  The salt tax. Pays de grande gabelle were areas that paid a heavy salt tax, while pays de quart-bouillon were areas that paid a light salt tax in kind.
intendant  The principal agent of the monarchy in the provinces not fully developed until the late 1630s.

livre  The money of account (see écu). A smaller denomination was the sol.

prévôt  An official serving as judge and administrator. Prévôts maintained the peace of towns and conducted the primary business of local government (also grandprévôt).

seigneurie  The area over which a seigneur exercised his authority (seigneurie directe and seigneurie utile).

sénéchal  An officer of the sénéchaussé or baillage, originally one who led the army (plural, sénéchaux, also vicesénéchal).

taille  The principal royal tax. Depending on the region it was levied on persons or on property. In the first instance the nobility were exempt.

Chronology

1589, Accession of Henry IV

1598, Edict of Nantes

1610, Assassination of Henry IV

1614, Declaration of Majority of Louis XIII (at 13)

1618-48, Thirty Years War

1624, Queen Mother promotes Cardinal Richelieu (enters Royal Council)

1621-22, 1625, 1627-30, Huguenot Wars (English intervention in latter)
  --1627-28, Siege and fall of La Rochelle
  --1629, Peace of Alais (Richelieu forces partial limitation of Edit of Nantes on Huguenots)

1632-34, Exorcism of Ursuline nuns and execution of priest at Loudon

1629-30, 1635-36, 1637-41, Croquant Uprisings

1639, Norman (Nu-pied) Uprising/Rebellion

4 Dec. 1642, Richelieu's death

5 Dec. 1642, Mazarin appointed to replace Richelieu on Council

14 May 1643, Louis XIII's death (succeeded by widow Anne, Queen Regent, and son Louis XIV, 4 years old)

1643-44, Revolt of the Southwest
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13 May 1646, Sovereign Courts of Paris resolve on union

9 July 1648, dismissal of finance minister D'Hémeréy

20 Aug. 1648, Condé defeats Spaniards at Lens

26 Aug. 1648, Queen Regent attempts to arrest certain members of the Parlement of Paris (Broussel arrested, then released)--riots ensue

22 Oct. 1648, Queen Regent accepts demands of Parlement of Paris

24 Oct. 1648, Peace of Westphalia signed ending Thirty Years' War

6 Jan. 1649, Queen Regent withdraws from Paris and the Fronde begins (first stage, the Fronde of the Parlement of Paris)

1648-53, the Fronde(s)

7 Sept. 1651, Louis XIV celebrates his majority (he is thirteen)

Sept. 1651, Condé organizing rebellion against government (second stage, the Fronde of the Princes)

21 Oct. 1652, Louis XIV enters Paris in triumph, Fronde at Paris crushed, next day declaration prohibits Parlement of Paris from interfering in affairs of state and financial questions

1655-57, 1658, 1661-61, 1662, 1663, various regional rebellions

1663-72, Angelets guerilla warfare (Roussillon)

1675, 1702-06, various regional rebellions

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