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HISTORY 514
FIELD COURSE ON THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

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- Colin Lucas, *The Structure of the Terror* (London, 1973), pp. 296-349.
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A handy reference work is Ozouf and Furet, *A Critical Dictionary of the French Revolution*, located in the reference section of the Mansfield Library.

THE OLD REGIME AND THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

Explain Alexis de Tocqueville's assertion that the revolutionaries "used the debris of the old order for building up the new."

- Why did the Revolution follow the line of a religious revolution?
- What was the chief permanent achievement of the French Revolution?
- Why and how had Paris mastered France?
- What implicit criticism is he making of contemporary society?
- Why was "the grandiose edifice built up by our king doomed to collapse like a card castle once disturbance arose within the social order on which it was based?"
- What does he think of the *philosophes* and of their role in bringing on the Revolution?
- Why did prosperity hasten the outbreak of the Revolution?
- Why were Frenchmen split into small isolated self-regarding groups and what were the consequences of this?