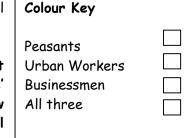
IN THE TENNIS COURT

In a desperate attempt to collect event more taxes, King Louis called a meeting of the ESTATES GENERAL in 1788. However the people from the Third Estate used the meeting as a chance to tell the King what they thought was wrong with France and their lives and demand improvements. When the King refused to listen, members of the Third Estate went to a nearby Tennis Court and made an OATH saying they would not move until

the King had made improvements. In the Tennis Court several people made speeches.

Below are 'bits' of those speeches. In one colour show what 'bits' the peasants would have said. In another show what 'bits' the urban workers would have said and in a third colour show what the businessmen would have said. Use a fourth colour if all three could have said it.



Conditions in the factory where I work I deserve better treatment are terrible. It would be something to than this. I have just written have a warm home to go back to but a letter to my local I don't even have that. I don't even newspaper about how hard know if I will have a job tomorrow. I work and how much Why doesn't the King pass laws to money my factory makes, improve working conditions? yet I have no say in how this country is run. Down with the King. Our lives are hard enough \supset without having to work on the This latest poor local aristocrat's land at The King does harvest has been the harvest time for nothing. nothing to stop the ruin of me. How can I France needs to change. local aristocrat's survive now that I animals wandering all have lost my job in over my land, ruining the textile factory? my crops. I am fed My family and me will up. starve. 2 ∂ Marie Antoinette is a disgrace. She spends money as if it were going out of fashion. The King just sits back and lets her. He is a disgrace too. The system of taxes in France is criminal. It should have been changed years ago. I find them difficult enough to pay and I have some wealth. TASK: CHOOSE TO BE ONE OF THE I can't imagine how the others in the Third Estate PEOPLE FROM THE THIRD ESTATE. WRITE cope. What makes it worse is THEIR TENNIS COURT SPEECH. how those nobles and clergymen get away with it.