Early Modern France

General Surveys
Colin Jones, The Great Nation: France from Louis XV to Napoleon
Pierre Goubert, The Ancien Regime
Daniel Roche, France in the Enlightenment
Jacques Revel and Lynn Hunt, Histories: French Constructions of the Past
Gwynne Lewis, France 1715-1804: Power and People

Politics
James Collins, The State in Early Modern France
William Beik, Absolutism and Society in Seventeenth-Century France: State Power and Provincial Aristocracy in Languedoc
Pierre Goubert, Louis XIV and Twenty Million Frenchmen
Merrick, The Desacralization of the French Monarchy in the Eighteenth Century (not all)
Paul Sonino, ed. The Reign of Louis XIV
David Bell, The Cult of the Nation in France
P. M. Jones, Reform and Revolution in France: The Politics of Transition, 1774-1791 (briefly)

Society and Economy
Lisa Jane Graham, If the king only knew : seditious speech in the Reign of Louis XV
Sharon Kettering, French Society, 1589-1715
Le Roy Ladurie, The Peasants of Languedoc
Goubert, The French Peasantry in the Seventeenth Century
Steven Kaplan, Bread, Politics, and Political Economy in the Reign of Louis XV
Steven Kaplan, The Bakers of Paris and the Bread Question 1700-1775
Louis Ménétro, Journal of My Life, ed. Daniel Roche (for teaching)
Sarah Maza, The Myth of the French Bourgeoisie
David Garrioch, The Formation of the Parisian Bourgeoisie, 1690-1830
Sue Peabody, “There are No Slaves in France”: The Political Culture of Race and Slavery in the Ancien Regime (look at)

Nobility
Jay Smith, The Culture of Merit: Nobility, Royal Service, and the Making of Absolute Monarchy in France, 1600-1789
Michael Kwass, *Privilege and the Politics of Taxation in Eighteenth-century France: Liberté, Egalité, Fiscalité*

Jonathan Dewald, *The European Nobility, 1400-1800*

Jonathan Dewald, *Aristocratic Experience and the Origins of Modern Culture*

**Popular Culture**

NZ Davis, *Society and Culture in Early Modern France* (Women on Top; The Rites of Violence)

NZ Davis, *The Return of Martin Guerre*

Peter Burke, *Popular Culture in Early Modern France* (look at)

Robert Munchembled, *Popular Culture and Elite Culture in France, 1400-1750*

Daniel Roche, *The People of Paris: An Essay in Popular Culture in the 18th Century*

Sewell, *Work and Revolution in France: The Language of Labor from the Old Regime to 1848*

Arlette Farge, *Subversive Words*

**Family/Sex**

Ariès and Duby, eds. *A History of Private Life*, esp. vol. 3

Thomas Laqueur, *Making Sex*

Foucault, *History of Sexuality* vol 1

**Gender**


Olwen Hufton, *The Prospect Before Her: A History of Women in the West*, vol 3 (Not all)


Clare Crowston, *Fabricating Women: The Seamstresses of Old Regime France*

**Religion**

Ronald Schechter, *Obstinate Hebrews: Representations of Jews in France, 1715-1817*

Jay R. Berkovvitz, *Rites and Passages: The Beginnings of Modern Jewish Culture in France, 1650-1860*

**Literacy and History of Reading**

Chartier, *The Cultural Use of Print in Early Modern France*

**Colonization, Slavery, and the Atlantic Economy**

Kenneth Banks, *Chasing Empire Across the Sea: Communications and the State in the French Atlantic, 1713-1763*

Peter Moogk, *La Nouvelle France: The Making of French Canada, A Cultural History*

CLR James, *The Black Jacobins*

Richard White, *The Middle Ground: Indians, Empires, and Republics in the Great Lakes Region, 1650-1815*


Carolyn Fick, *The Making of Haiti: The Saint Domingue Revolution from Below*

Laurent Dubois, *Avengers of the New World*

Laurent Dubois, *A Colony of Citizens*

Shannon Lee Dawdy, *Building the Devil’s Empire: French Colonial New Orleans*

Yves Bénot, *La Révolution Française et la fin des colonies*


David Byron Davis, *The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture*

John Garrigus, *Before Haiti: Race and Citizenship in French Saint-Domingue*


**Enlightenment**

Dorinda Outram, *The Enlightenment*


Lynn Hunt, ed. *The French Revolution and Human Rights*

Emmanuel Chukwudi Eze, ed. *Race and the Enlightenment: A Reader* (Compte de Buffon on geography and culture, Cuvier on the variety of the human species

Voltaire, *Candide*

Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*

Melvin Richter, *The Political Theory of Montesquieu* (essays on climate, slavery, and the morals and manners of different nations)

Isser Woloch, *Eighteenth-century Europe, tradition and progress, 1715-1789*


KM Baker, *Inventing the French Revolution*

Darnton, *The Forbidden Best-Sellers of Pre-Revolutionary France*

Jeffrey Ravel, *The Contested Parterre: Public Theater and French Political Culture, 1680-1791*

**French Revolution**

Alexis de Tocqueville, *The Old Regime and the French Revolution*

Peter Jones, ed. *The French Revolution in Social and Political Perspective* (classic articles)


Georges Lefebvre, *The Coming of the French Revolution*

Soboul, *The Sans-Culottes*

William Doyle, *The Origins of the French Revolution*

Peter McPhee, *The French Revolution*

Timothy Tackett, *Becoming a Revolutionary: The Deputies of the French National Assembly and the Emergence of a Revolutionary Culture* (read beginning for reaction to Furet)
Ruth Scurr, *Fatal Purity: Robespierre and the French Revolution*
David Bell, *The First Total War: Napoleon’s Europe and the Birth of Warfare as We Know It*
Steven Englund, *Napoleon: A Political Life*
Isser Woloch, *Napoleon and His Collaborators*

**The Revolution in Culture**
Francois Furet, *Interpreting the French Revolution*
Chartier, *The Cultural Origins of the French Revolution*
Antoine de Baecque, *The Body Politic: Corporeal Metaphor in Old Regime France*
Patrice Higonnet, *Goodness Beyond Virtue: Jacobins during the French Revolution*
Mona Ouzouf, *Festivals and the French Revolution*
Sarah Maza, *Private Lives and Public Affairs: The Causes Célèbres of Prer evolutionary France*
Dorinda Outram, *The Body and the French Revolution: Sex, Class, and Political Culture*
(Suzanne has mixed feelings; read for arguments)
Lynn Hunt, *The Family Romance in the French Revolution*
Carla Hesse, *The Other Enlightenment: How French Women Became Modern*
Andrew Jainchill, *Reimagining Politics after the Terror: The Republican Origins of French Liberalism*

**Late Modern France**

**General Textbooks**
Maurice Agulhon, *The French Republic (La République 1880 à nos jours)*
Serge Bernstein, *De Gaulle’s Republic (La France de l’expansion)*
François Furet, *Revolutionary France (La Révolution, 1789-1880)*
Jeremy Popkin, *A History of Modern France*
Charles Sonderwine, *France Since 1870*

**Napoleon and the Napoleonic Legend**
David Bell, *The First Total War: Napoleon’s Europe and the Birth of Warfare as We Know It*
Sudhir Hazareesing, *The Legend of Napoleon*
Isser Woloch, *Napoleon and his Collaborators*

**1830/The July Monarchy**
John Merriman, *1830 in France*
David Pinkney, *The French Revolution of 1830*
Pamela Pilbeam, *The Constitutional Monarchy in France, 1814-1848*
1848
Maurice Agulhon, *The Republican Experiment (L’apprentissage de la République)*
Maurice Agulhon, *The Republic in the Village*
Roger V. Gould, *Insurgent Identities: Class, Community, and Protest in Paris from 1848 to the Commune*
Karl Marx, *The Eighteenth of Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*
Mark Traugott, *Armies of the Poor: Determinants of Working-Class Participation in the The Parisian Insurrection of June 1848*

**Second Empire through the Paris Commune**
Gay L. Gullickson, *Unruly Women of Paris: Images of the Commune*
Sudhir Hazareesingh, *From Subject to Citizen: The Second Empire and the Emergence of Modern French Democracy*
Jacques Rougerie, *Paris Libre*
Jacques Rougerie, *Procès des Communards*
Robert Tombs, *The Paris Commune, 1871*

**The Third Republic**
Eric Cahm, *The Dreyfus Affair in French Society and Politics*
Philip Nord, *The Republican Moment: Struggles for Democracy in Nineteenth-Century France*

**The First World War and its Consequences**
Stéphane Audoin-Rouzeau and Annette Becker, *14-18: Understanding the Great War*
Jean-Jacques Becker, *The Great War and the French People (Comment les français sont entrés dans la guerre)*
Patrick Fridenson, *The French Home Front 1914-1918*
Suzanne Grayzel, *Women’s Identities at War: Gender, Motherhood, and Politics in Britain and France during the First World War*
Antoine Prost, *Veterans of the Great War and French Society, 1914-1940*

**The Interwar Years**
Serge Bernstein, *La France des années 30*
Julian Jackson, *The Popular Front in France*
Clifford Rosenberg, *Policing Paris: The Origins of Modern Immigration Control between the Wars*

**The Defeat of 1940, Vichy, and Liberation**
Marc Bloc, *Strange Defeat*
Philippe Burrin, *France Under the Germans (La France à l’heure allemande 1940-1944)*
Asher Cohen, *Persécutions et sauvetages: Juifs et Français sous l’Occupation et sous Vichy*
Robert Gildea, *Marianne in Chains*
H.R. Kedward, *In Search of the Maquis: Rural Resistance in Southern France*
Pierre Laborie, *L’opinion publique sous Vichy*
Michael Marrus and Robert O. Paxton, *Vichy France and the Jews*
Robert Paxton, *Vichy France: Old Guard, New Order*
Henri Rousso, *The Vichy Syndrome*
John Sweets, *Choices in Vichy France*
Miranda Pollard, *Reign of Virtue: Mobilizing Gender in Vichy France*
Fabrice Virgili, *Shorn Women: Gender and Punishment in Liberation France (La France ‘virile’: Des femmes tondues à la Libération)*

**Decolonization and Algeria**
Raphaëlle Branche, *La Guerre d’Algérie: Une Histoire Apaisée?*
Anthony Clayton, *The Wars of French Decolonization*
Todd Shepard, *The Invention of Decolonization*

**The Postwar Years**
John S. Ambler, ed. *The French Welfare State*
Françoise Gaspard, *A Small City in France: A Socialist Mayor Confronts Neofascism*
Stanley Hoffmann, *In Search of France*
Stanley Hoffmann, *Decline or Renewal? France since the 1930s*
Richard Kuisel, *Seducing the French: The Dilemma of Americanization*
Henri Mendras, *Social Change in Modern France: Towards a Cultural Anthropology of the Fifth Republic (La seconde révolution française?)*
Andrew Shennan, *De Gaulle*

**1968**
Raymond Aron, *The Elusive Revolution (La révolution introuvable)*
Andrew Feenberg and Jim Freedman, *When Poetry Ruled the Streets*
Michael Seideman, *The Imaginary Revolution: Parisian Students and Workers in 1968*

**Cultural History**
M. Miller, *The Bon Marché: Bourgeois Culture and the Department Store*
Vanessa Schwartz, *Spectacular Realities: Early Mass Culture in Fin-de-Siècle France*

**Social History**
Christophe Charle, *A Social History of France in the 19th Century (Histoire Sociale de la France au XIXe siècle)*
Peter McPhee, *A Social History of France 1780-1880*

**Intellectuals**
Tony Judt, *Past Imperfect: French Intellectuals, 1944-1956*

**Peasants/Rural Society**
Laird Boswell, *Rural Communism in France, 1920-1939*
Emilie Carles, *A Life of her Own: The Transformation of a Countrywoman in Twentieth-Century France*
Alain Corbin, *The Village of Cannibals: Rage and Murder in France, 1870*
Peter McPhee, *The Politics of Rural Life: Political Mobilization in the French Countryside 1846-1852*

**Workers/Labor and Management**
Herrick Chapman, *Working Class Radicalism and State Capitalism in the French Aircraft Industry*
Gerard Noiriel, *Workers in French Society in the 19th and 20th Centuries*
Michelle Perrot, *Workers on Strike*
William Sewell, *Work and Revolution in France*
Charles Tilly, *Strikes in France*

**Urban History**
Jeanne Gaillard, *Paris, La Ville*
John Merriman, *The Red City: Limoges in the Nineteenth Century*

**Colonialism**
Alice Conklin, *A Mission to Civilize*
Henri Brunschwig, *Mythes et réalités de l’impérialisme colonial français 1871-1914*

**Religion**
Ralph Gibson, *A Social History of French Catholicism in the Nineteenth Century*
Caroline Ford, *Creating the Nation in Provincial France: Religion and Political Identity in Brittany*
Ruth Harris, *Lourdes: Body and Spirit in the Secular Age*

**Women/Gender**
Steven Hause, *Women’s Suffrage and Social Politics in the French Third Republic*
Mary Louise Roberts, *Civilization without Sexes: Reconstructing Gender in Postwar France*
Joan Scott, *Only Paradoxes to Offer: French Feminists and the Rights of Man*
Bonnie Smith, *Ladies of the Leisure Class*
Louise Tilly and Joan Scott, *Women, Work, and Family*

**The Left**
Tony Judt, *Marxism and the French Left*
Tyler Stovall, *The Rise of the Paris Red Belt*

**The Right**
René Rémond, *The Right Wing in France*
Zeev Sternhell, *Neither Right nor Left*
Robert J. Soucy, *French Fascism: The Second Wave*
Robert O. Paxton, *French Peasant Fascism: Henry Dorgères and the Crisis of French Agriculture*

**Immigration and Ethnicity**
John R. Bowen, *Can Islam be French? Pluralism and Pragmatism in a Secularist State*
Rogers Brubaker, *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*
Mary Lewis, *The Boundaries of the Republic: Migrant Rights and the Limits of Universalism in France, 1918-1940*
Gérard Noiriel, *The French Melting Pot (Le Creuset Français)*
Joan Scott, *The Politics of the Veil*
Patrick Weil, *La France et ses étrangers 1938-1991*