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The French Revolution There were tangible links between the events that unfolded in America and the events of the French Revolution, not least in the person of Thomas Paine, whose *Rights of Man* (1791-2) defended the revolution in France. Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, also had firm political links with France, serving there as the American Minister. The overthrow of the ancien regime in France, a political system that encouraged decadence and luxury legitimated by the absolute rule of the king, was almost universally heralded in Britain. News of the fall of the Bastille, a prison in Paris, on 14 July 1789 was greeted with enthusiasm and approbation. Britain regarded itself as possessing a fairer constitution than France, with its three-tiered system of 'checks and balances' enforced by the monarch, the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The French Revolution was, in general, regarded in Britain as catching up with the progress that had been made since its own bloodless 'glorious revolution' of 1688, when the present system, called constitutional monarchy, had been established. Wordsworth visited France twice during the revolutionary period, and looking back on these times in *The Prelude* declared, 'Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, / But to be young was very heaven !', while Percy Shelley, who was only born in 1792, described the French Revolution as the 'master theme of the epoch in which we live' (Norton 2006, vol. 2: 374; Shelley 1964, vol. 1: 504) . Mary Wollstonecraft and Helen Maria Williams were among the British writers who lived for a period in France during these heady days.

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