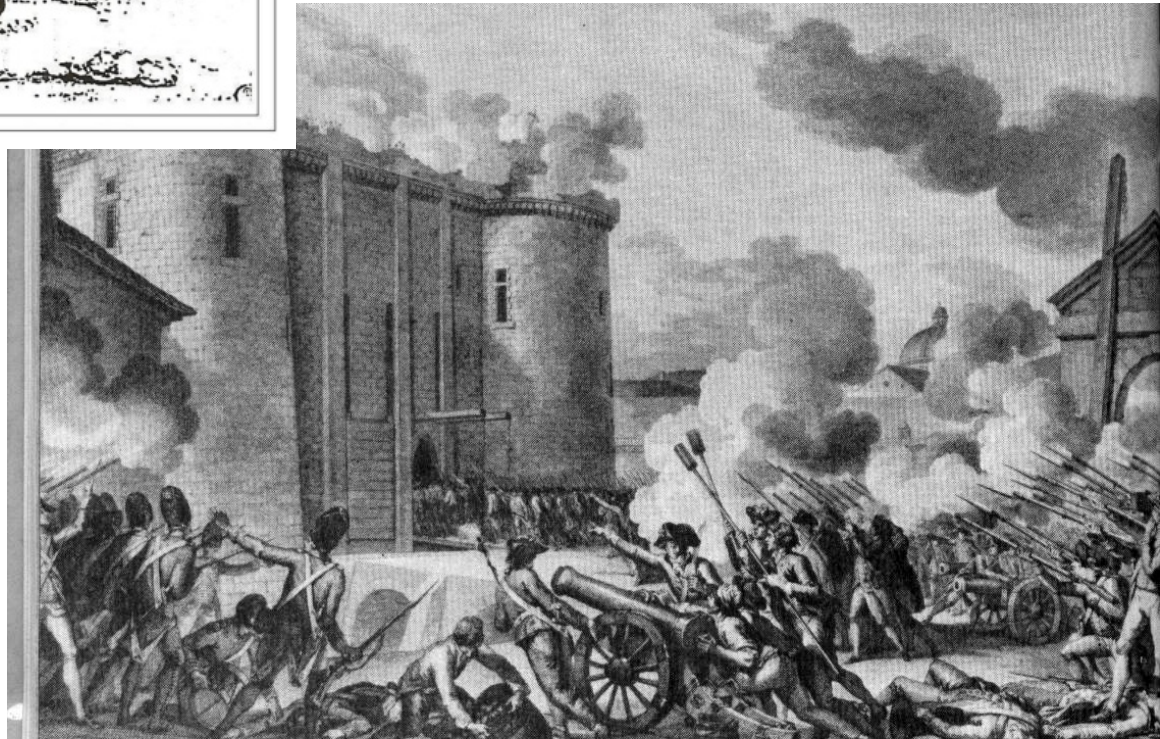
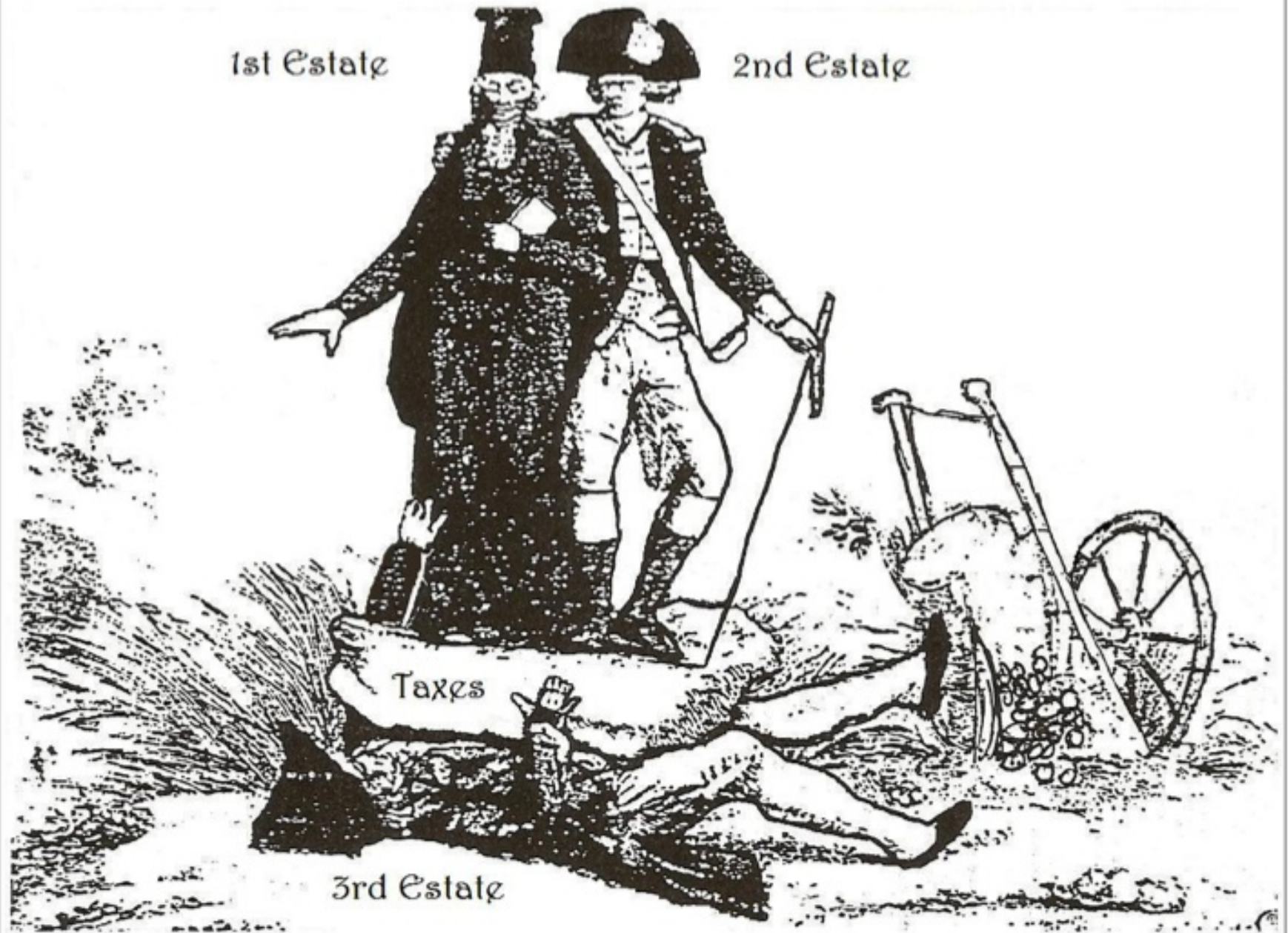


Causes of the French Revolution

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The Political and Social System in France



Social Issues

- 3 social classes (“ ”)
 - 1st estate () had great wealth and power and
 - 2nd estate ()
 - Held the top gov’t jobs (army, courts, etc.)
 - Hated the 1st estate’s and the 3rd estate’s
 - Had very little income but paid very little in taxes
 - 3rd estate:
 - Bourgeoisie (and)
 - Most were urban poor relying upon to survive

Economic Issues

- Most survived on _____, so even slight changes in price had huge impacts
- For years France had been
 - Spending _____ than you take in
 - _____ and construction of _____ had nearly bankrupted the country
- Debt and bad harvests made _____
- Only solution would be _____, but 1st & 2nd estates and 3rd estate