



Jacques-Louis David, 'The Tennis Court Oath', 1791

Words you might need: drawing (n.) – *Zeichnung*; crowd (n.) – *Menschemenge*; tumultuous (adj.) – *tumultartig*; oath (n.) – *Eid*; swear (swore, sworn) an oath – *einen Eid leisten*; take an oath – *einen Eid ablegen*; ray (n.) – *Lichtstrahl*

Tennis Court Oath

“As the National Assembly is convinced that it is its duty to work out a constitution for the kingdom and to re-establish order, [...] nothing can keep it from continuing its discussions, wherever the National Assembly will be forced to meet. Wherever its members are meeting, there is the National Assembly. So all its members swear an oath to stay together [...] until the constitution of the kingdom has been worked out and secured [...]”

Task:

Assess the importance of this oath for France at the time.

