

French Revolution, "Death of Marat"

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1. Who was David?

David's full name is Jacques-Louis David. He is a famous French painter in the Neoclassical style. He has created many attractive artworks which became masterpieces of work. Later, he became an active supporter of the French Revolution and was effectively a dictator of the arts under the French Republic.

2. Who was Marat?

Marat's full name is Jean-Paul Marat. He was an owner of the newspaper that opposed Louis XVI for the recession of the economy. After he died, his death became the artwork name "The Death of Marat" which is one of the famous images of the French Revolution.

3. Why did Corday kill Marat?

Corday killed Marat because she thought that Marat would lead France to civil war. So she decided to kill Marat to save 100,000 lives.

4. Why does Simon Schama call *The Death of Marat* a "beautiful lie"? How is it beautiful? How is it a lie?

Because, "The Death of Marat" portrays the sense of martyrdom of Marat who fought for his target and believed until his last breath. That is "a beautiful lie". Anyway, this picture has many parts that are distinct from the facts. For example, real Marat's skin was worse than in the picture and he wasn't handsome like his picture. And if this picture is during his last breath, we should see the killer. Moreover, Corday didn't give him a polite note but a list of traitors. Or even his bloodless wound and the wrong position of a knife. So these are called "lies".

5. Describe your own aesthetic of beauty

Beauty is something that I feel in my heart. The feeling of happiness.