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CPWS: French Revolution, "Death of Marat"

Who was David ?

Jacques-Louis David is a very powerful French painter who support the French revolution.

Who was Marat ?

Jean-Paul Marat was a radical journalist and politician during French revolution.

Why did Corday kill Marat ?

Because, she thought that Marat would lead French to civil war .So she decide to kill Marat to save 100,000 life.

**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 “ portray the sense of martyr of Marat who fight for his target and believe until his last breath. That is “ a beautiful “. Anyway this picture has many parts that distinct from the fact 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 Traitor. Or even his bloodless wound and the wrong position of a knife. So these are called “ lie “.

Describe your own aesthetic of beauty

For me, I think that beauty is anything that can make people happy and when you see them, the beauty will give you an impressive feeling that you will never bore to see it again.