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MARIE ANTOINETTE



Read the biographical passage about Marie Antoinette and answer the questions.

Marie Antoinette was a queen of France, born on November 2, 1755, in Austria. She moved to France to marry a French prince, who would become king, making her a queen. Marie Antoinette lived in a huge, fancy palace called Versailles and wore the most beautiful dresses. But while she had a life of luxury, many people in France were very poor and didn't have enough food.

There's a famous story that says when Marie Antoinette heard that people had no bread to eat, she said, "Let them eat cake!" But historians think she probably never said this. The story was likely made up to make people not like her. It's important to remember that sometimes stories get changed and may not be true.

During a time called the French Revolution, when people wanted to change how the country was run, Marie Antoinette and her family faced big problems. Sadly, this story doesn't have a happy ending for her. The queen was put to death in 1793 because people were angry about how the country was being run.

Even though the cake story might not be real, it teaches us to think about how we understand and tell stories from the past. We learn that it's really important to be kind and try to understand everyone's situation, especially when times are tough.

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1 Why is the story of "Let them eat cake" famous, even if it's not true?

2 What can we learn from Marie Antoinette's life about how we treat others?

3 Can you think of a way to help someone who is going through a difficult time?

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