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The Estates-General: Catalyst for Change

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was the primary reason for the convening of the Estates-General in 1789?
 - a) To celebrate a royal wedding
 - b) To discuss cultural and artistic matters
 - c) To address a severe financial crisis
 - d) To plan military campaigns

2. Which estate represented the common people of France and bore the burden of heavy taxation?
 - a) The First Estate
 - b) The Second Estate
 - c) The Third Estate
 - d) The Fourth Estate

3. What issue led to a deadlock during the Estates-General's deliberations?
 - a) Voting by headcount
 - b) Taxation of the nobility
 - c) Voting by estate
 - d) The role of the clergy

4. What did the representatives of the Third Estate do on June 20, 1789, that marked the formation of the National Assembly?
 - a) They stormed the Bastille.
 - b) They held a royal banquet.
 - c) They signed a peace treaty.
 - d) They took the Tennis Court Oath.

5. How did the Estates-General become a symbol of change and equality during the French Revolution?
 - a) By supporting the monarchy
 - b) By advocating for higher taxes
 - c) By representing the common people's demand for political change
 - d) By enforcing strict social hierarchies

