



The Emergence of the Athenian *Demos* 594 BC

600 BC

NARROW OLIGARCHY

594

Reforms of Solon

508

Reforms of Cleisthenes

462-450

Reforms of Ephialtes and Pericles

450 BC

RADICAL DEMOCRACY



Athenian Society ca. 600 BC

Eupatrids

Prosperous non-Eupatrids

Middling Hoplite Farmers

Hektemoroi ('sixth-parters')

Pelatai ('dependents')

Athenian Constitution 5.1-2

While the state was organized in this way, and the many were enslaved to the few, the people rose against the notables. The strife was fierce, and they held out against one another for a long time.

MATIERE A REFLECTION POUR LES JONGLEURS COURONNES.



qu'un sang impur abreuve nos sillons.

Lundi 21 Janvier 1793 à 10 heures un quart du matin sur la place de la revolution, ci devant appelé Louis XV. Le Tiran est tombe sous le glaive des Loix. ce grand acte de justice a consterne l'aristocratie ancienne la superstition Royale, et crée la republique. Il imprime un grand caractère à la convention nationale et la rend digne de la confiance des françois.....
ce fut en vain qu'une faction audacieuse et des orateurs insidieux épuisèrent toutes les ressources de la calomnie; du charlatanisme et de la chicane; le courage des republicains triompha: la majorité de la convention demeura inébranlable dans ses principes, et le genre de l'intrigue ceda au génie de la Liberté et à l'ascendant de la vertu.

Reprint de la 5^e Lettre de Maximilien Robespierre

à ses commetees.

Athenian Constitution 5.2

I know, and anguish of heart lies within me,
When I look on the eldest land of Ionia
Being slain.

Solon's Economic Reform

The *seisachtheia* – 'shaking off of burdens:

1. Cancellation of debt

2. Abolition of debt-bondage

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Athenian Constitution 12.4

I wrote down ordinances for bad (*kakoi*) and good (*agathoi*) alike, providing straight justice for each man.

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