



After being told that the French population was facing bread shortages and widespread famine, Queen Marie-Antoinette is reported to have said, “If they can’t have bread, let them eat cake!” Although it’s heavily debated whether or not she really said those words, this quotation is often used to capture the inequality of French society during the 17th and 18th centuries. On the lines below, explain how this quotation captures the attitude of the nobility toward the struggles of the poor during this time period. How might this sentiment have affected the French Revolution?

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