**CHY4U French Revolution – Days 3 and 4 – The Terror**

*Before Louis was executed, he was put on trial. On page 9 of the unit handout package, you have an excerpt from “The King Must Die,” a speech made by Robespierre, the Jacobin leader, arguing for Louis’ death in the penalty phase of the trial. Louis had already been found guilty of treason. Please note that the Republic was declared before Louis XVI’s death.*

**Key background information:**

Republic replaced constitutional monarchy. France was at war with most of the rest of Europe.

Political groups within the National Convention (parliament) at this time: Jacobins – most radical; Girondins – constitutional monarchists; Royalists; Others

**These questions will guide you through the document:**

1. In the first few sentences Robespierre uses the past tense and some words beginning with “de” to indicate that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has happened.
2. What is his main argument? (see end of paragraph 1).
3. What is his proof that no exception should be given to the death penalty – that Louis should be killed?
4. At the start of paragraph 3 he mentions “You.” To whom is he referring?
5. The last line restates his main argument. Of all the political groups in the parliament, who would have agreed, and who would have disagreed.