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Dickens' Tale of the French Revolution

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Abstract

Within *A Tale of Two Cities* Charles Dickens gives his interpretation of the French Revolution. A comparison of Dickens' representation to the actual events of the French Revolution will be attempted. The emphasis will be on Dickens' interpretation: his condemnation of power and the violence it leads those who possess it to inflict. The motives of his characters and his portrayal of events will be juxtaposed against those of historical records.