

## FRE 492: The Life and Times of Marie Antoinette

This course will focus on the life and times of Marie Antoinette, the last queen of France, during the tumultuous period of the French Revolution. We will read a variety of texts and literature in both English and French as well as watch films and documentaries and explore internet sites related to the subject. Trips will be organized to Versailles, the Conciergerie, and the Carnavalet museum so that students may view the living quarters both in luxury and in prison as well as her personal effects such as jewelry, furniture, and dishes. It is hoped that students may gain a deeper understanding of this period of French history through the rich tapestry of events and stories which shaped this enigmatic, beautiful, and ultimately tragic queen of France.

### TEXTBOOKS:

In English:

Marie Antoinette: The journey by Antonia Fraser (2001) New York: Anchor Books ISBN 0-385-48949-8

In French:

Marie Antoinette: La dernière reine by Evelyne Lever (2000) France: Gallimard ISBN 2-07-053522-3