The Flight to Varennes

In 1791 the King accepted the new constitution, but he wasn't happy with it. He reacted very strangely indeed and in this lesson you will find out more…

Your task

- Make notes using the running dictation exercise at www.activehistory.co.uk
- Now use your notes to answer these questions

1. In no more than half a page of writing, summarise the main events of the Flight to Varennes. You may wish to write this from a biased perspective.

2. Look at the pictures.

(a) What particular event do you think they describe?

(b) Do the cartoonists approve of the King and Queen, or not? How do you know?

(b) How accurate are these cartoons as a representation of what really happened? Explain your answer.

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LOUIS XVI taking leave of his Wife & Family.