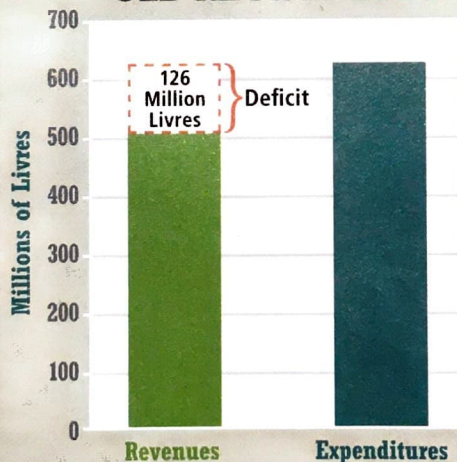


FRANCE IN ECONOMIC CRISIS

By 1788, France's royal treasury was deeply in debt, while people were paying higher prices for food and other goods. These charts illustrate the dire economic conditions of pre-revolutionary France.

LAST BUDGET OF THE
OLD REGIME 1788



PRICES ON THE RISE
1726—1789

Farmers' incomes rose only 16 percent during this same period.



>> **Analyze Charts** As France's deficit grew, so did the suffering of the poor. How much did the price of firewood rise between 1726 and 1789?