One of the goals of the Enlightenment was to define the best form of government and ideally to help mankind achieve it. Various thinkers of the enlightenment also suggested ways to enact reform, either from the top down or through the people, from the bottom up. The French Revolution was one attempt to put some of these reforms in place, but it ended up the reign of terror and the executions of tens of thousands of people, something which the *philosophes* of the Enlightenment did not foresee and would not have condoned.

Using at least 6 of the documents and your knowledge of the French Revolution, answer the following question in well-formatted 5 paragraph essay: What were the major causes of the French Revolution and why did it end with such bloodshed?

Document 11: “To punish the oppressors of Humanity is clemency; to forgive them is cruelty.”
~Maximilien Robespierre