

Are the Illuminati Real?

VOCABULARY

- ***Guild** – an organization of people who do the same job
- ***Revolution** – a successful attempt by a large group of people to change the political system of their country by force
- ***Monarch** – a sovereign head of state, especially a king, queen, or emperor, who rules usually by hereditary right
- ***Clergy** – the official leaders of the religious activities of a particular group of believers
- ***Rub shoulders with someone** – to associate with someone important or famous for a while
- ***Banishment** – the punishment of being sent away from a place, especially from a country
- ***Orchestrate** – to carefully or secretly organize a complicated plan or event

COMPREHENSION

1. Who was the Bavarian law professor who founded the Illuminati?
2. What guild did the founder of the Illuminati model the secret society after?
3. How were the Illuminati able to mobilize and recruit their followers?
4. What were the Illuminati's ruling council called?
5. Is it true that the Illuminati were determined to undermine people's faith?
6. What did the conservative authors claim about the Illuminati in the aftermath of the French Revolution?

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LET'S TALK

1. Can you think of other politicians or philosophers with similar ideology to the Illuminati?
2. To what extent do you think the Illuminati impacted the concept of “separation of church and state”?
3. Some people today believe that the Illuminati still exists. What is your opinion?