

NAME:

LOUIS XVI - BORN TO BE A GOOD KING?

1. Louis was a large man with a big appetite. For breakfast he would eat 4 chops, a fat chicken, six poached eggs and a slice of ham. This was washed down with a bottle and a half of champagne.
2. Louis was kind to his family but was also a ditherer. He found it difficult to make decisions. He liked to tinker with his collection of clocks rather than run the country.

SOURCE A Louis was not the right man to rule a country. He was shy and had no confidence. Other people could sway his decisions.
- the view of a French nobleman.

SOURCE B Louis does have some common sense. He has simple tastes. He is honest. But he cannot make up his mind and is weak willed.
-written by a French monk in 1775.

ACTIVITIES:

Using the information above, fill in this table showing Louis XVI's good and bad points. How many can you find?

GOOD POINTS	BAD POINTS

Do you think Louis XVI was a strong king? Say why.
