Napoleonic Wars

- **War of the Third Coalition**
  - 1803 - 1805
    - British Led attempt to restore French Monarchy
      - GB, Austria, Russia, Portugal, Sweden
      - Lessen Napoleon’s control on continent
      - Regain lost territories
    - French attempting to rebuild overseas Empire
      - Haiti Independence
      - Louisiana Purchase
      - Needed to lessen British Naval Supremacy
      - Invasion of Britain
  - **Battle of Trafalgar**
    - Oct 1805
    - Combined French and Spanish Navies meet up with British Fleet
      - Coalition forces led by Horatio Nelson
      - Definitive British Victory
  - **Battle of Austerlitz**
    - Dec 1805
    - French Army met Combined Austrian and Russian Armies
    - Napoleon deliberately took weak position
    - French losses: 8k Coalition Losses: 27k 180 cannon
    - Destroyed HRE once and for all
    - 1805 Begins construction of Arc de Triomphe

- **The Continental System**
  - 1806 - 1814
  - French imposed blockade of British Goods in Europe
    - Hoping to economically ruin British
    - Very un-popular with rest of Europe
      - Napoleon did not have Naval capacity to enforce
      - British Blockaded French ports and attacked incoming merchant vessels
      - Anti-French Nationalism
  - Spread of *Napoleonic Code* to rest of Europe
    - Forbade privileges based on birth
    - Freedom of religion
    - Government jobs must go to most qualified
    - First Pan-European legal code in modern era
      - Basis for most legal codes in modern Europe

- **War of the Fourth Coalition**
  - 1806-1807
    - Prussia, Russia, GB
      - Frederick William III Led
        - Worried about growing influence of French in Germanic States
    - Quick French Victory over Prussians
    - Allowed Napoleon to move against Russians
      - Established Grand Duchy of Warsaw
      - Russians forced into alliance with Napoleon
- **The Peninsula War**
  - 1808 – 1814
    - Napoleon attempt to subjugate Portugal
      - Further blockade British control on continent
    - Captured Lisbon Dec 1807
    - Settle dispute between Charles IV and his son Ferdinand
      - Napoleon installs brother Joseph as Spanish ruler
      - Led to a general uprising against French Rule
      - French Forces in Portugal now cut off
        - British Forces enter and cut French to pieces
        - Stupidly transport French soldiers back to France
    - Napoleon Forced to take personal command
      - Faces Duke of Wellington
        - Turns into war of attrition
    - War of the Fifth Coalition 1809
      - Austrians see chance to regain lands
      - Major victory for Austria at Aspern-Essling
      - French Victory
        - Harsh surrender terms for Austria
        - Nationalism boost in Germanic Countries

- **Russian Campaign**
  - 1812
    - Grande Armée - Began invasion with 600,000 French and Foreign Troops
  - Battle of Borodino
    - Technically a draw, but Russians forced to give up Moscow
  - Wintering in Moscow
    - Sept 14, 1812 – Fire destroys most of Moscow
    - Napoleon forced to retreat

- **German War of Liberation**
  - 1813
  - Battle of the Nations (Battle of Leipzig)
    - Final Major Battle

- **Frankfurt Proposals**
  - 1813
  - Offered by Metternich
  - Napoleon to remain as Emperor
    - Keep Rhine border and Belgium
  - Napoleon rejects

- **Quadruple Alliance**
  - Prussia, Austria, Russia, Great Britain

- **Restoration of the Bourbons**
  - 1814
  - Louis XVIII
    - Louis XVI’s brother
      - Sat out revolution in Austrian Netherlands
  - Constitutional Charter of 1814
    - Constitution Monarch
- Bicameral legislature
  - Suffrage limited to land owners
- Amnesty to regicides
  - Napoleon exiled to Elba
- March 1814

**The Hundred Days**
- Feb 1815
- Quickly regained control of France
  - Louis fled
- Defeated at Battle of Waterloo
  - Seventh Coalition
    - Great Britain, Dutch, Belgians, Prussians
    - Overall command Duke of Wellington from Great Britain

- Exiled to St. Helena
  - 1815-1821
    - Possibly died of poison
    - Officially “stomach cancer”