

Rule of Napoleon Bonaparte

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”

