

Napoleon's Rise and Fall

1798 - Leads an expedition to Egypt. It's a failure but is able to keep it hid with tight censorship.

1799 - Overthrows the Directory in a Coup. Creates the Consulate, with 3 consuls (of course he was First Consul).

1801 - Declared Emperor (puts crown on own head)

1801 - The Concordat - makes peace with the Catholic Church.

1804-1812 - Battles annexing the Netherlands, Belgium, and parts of Italy and Germany.

1805 - Battle of Trafalgar is a defeat for the French Navy. Napoleon then implements the Continental System to "bring England in line" through trade restrictions.

1805 - Battle of Austerlitz is a defeat for Austria

1809 - Battle of Wagram is a defeat for Austria, resulting in land given to Napoleon.

Throughout, Spain and Austria battle France with Guerilla Warfare Tactics

1812 - Napoleon invades Russia with 600,000+ soldiers, and get as far as Moscow by September. The Russians use ***Scorched Earth Policy***. The retreating French lose all but about 20,000 soldiers.

During this time Napoleon abolished the Holy Roman Empire and put a 38-member confederation in its place. Napoleon also puts friends and family in power throughout his empire... furthering resentment..,

1813 - Defeated at Leipzig against Russia, Austria, Britain, and Prussia.

1814 - Napoleon steps down and is banned to Elbe Island. Louis XVIII is restored. Napoleon escapes... the king flees...

1815 - Napoleon reigns for 100 days

1815 - June 18 - Napoleon is defeated at Waterloo and exiled to St. Helena.

1821 - Napoleon dies