

SS9: Napoleon Bonaparte



Over the past week we have been studying the French Revolution. We have seen France ruled by many different people and groups. After King Louis XVI was executed, the reign of France was juggled between the Moderates and the Radicals. The Radicals won this power struggle, which led to the Reign of Terror. During the Reign of Terror, France was ruled by a dictatorship, led by Robespierre. Following the death of Robespierre and other Radicals, the Directory, composed of middle class people, began to rule France. By 1799, a man by the name of Napoleon Bonaparte rose in power and overthrew the Directory.

Your mission over the next two days is to research Napoleon Bonaparte and learn about his role in France. To complete this task, you will be researching Napoleon’s military campaigns, his role as “Emperor of France,” and the Napoleonic code. To organize your information you will be using Cornell Style notes. You should have a total of three pages of notes. You also must hand in a typed, formal bibliography.

1. Cornell Style Notes (Two Column Notes)
 - i) Military Campaigns
 - ii) Role as “Emperor of France”
 - iii) Napoleonic Code
2. Formal Bibliography
 - i) 3 Resources (2 different)
 - ii) Bibliography must follow APA style

The following is an example of Cornell notes on the 3 main causes of the French Revolution:

Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marie Antoinette spent too much money on lavish items - Peasants were struggling to survive, while the King and nobility lived off the peasants’ taxes - King spent too much money on war/invaded other countries and didn’t win
Bad Harvests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1787- 1789 terrible weather led to 3 bad harvests - Led to smaller income while the price of goods rose - Unemployed farmers, hungry peasants, nobility had a lap of luxury
Social Structure in France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Class system was unfair to the third Estate - Third Estate = the largest percentage of population, but the poorest - Third Estate had to pay to their lord, church and King - The First and Second Estates always voted against the Third Estate - Only 1-2% of the population was in the First Estate - 8% was in the Second Estate - 90+% made up the Third Estate - Peasants had to do military service

