

1799 Napole-

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Summary

Napoleon Bonaparte seized power in France in 1799. He crowned himself Emperor in 1804 (no one else being considered worthy enough to place the crown on his head) and became one of the most successful military leaders of all time. By 1811 Napoleon controlled most of Europe and had placed his brothers in charge of countries such as Italy and Spain. Despite Napoleon seeing the British as a 'Nation of Shopkeepers' he failed to invade Britain and resented her continuing trade with Russia and aid to Napoleon's enemies. Napoleon failed to invade Russia losing over 4 million men and was defeated and sent to the tiny island of Elba in 1814. He escaped and returned to France but was defeated at Waterloo and exiled to St Helena in 1815. He died there of stomach cancer in 1821.

Key Figures	
Napoleon	He rose up through the French army during the revolutionary wars. Became 1 st Consul of France in 1799, Emperor in 1804 and conquered much of Europe by 1811. One of the greatest military leaders in history but eventually beaten and exiled to St Helena.
Lord Hora- tio Nelson	An experienced Admiral of the British Navy. He commanded the flagship, 'HMS Victory', at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. He famously said that "England expects every man will do his duty." Nelson died at Trafalgar from a musket shot wound on board The Victory.
The Duke of Wellington (Arthur Wellesley)	An army general who led the British to victory with the help of Blucher's Prussian army at the Battle of Waterloo. He said the Battle of Waterloo was 'a damned near-run thing.'

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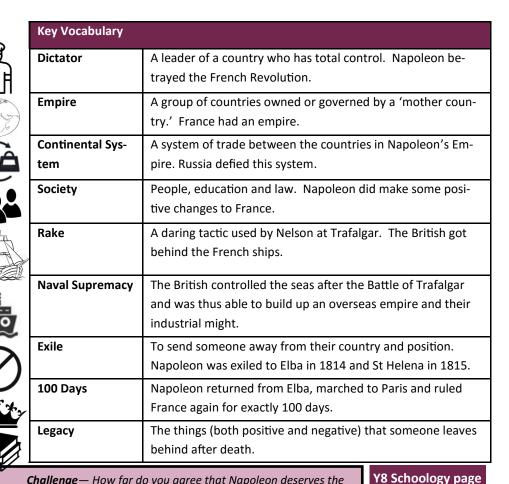
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Challenge— How far do you agree that Napoleon deserves the nickname "The Master of Europe"?

Look at the timeline. What do you think was the most important turning point in the life of Napoleon? Explain your decision.

Other Resources

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic figures/ bonaparte

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