

Napoleon Creates an Empire

I. Napoleon Takes Power

A. Hero

1. General Napoleon in 1795 leads soldiers against Royalists
2. Wins the battle and is hailed savior of the republic
3. Invades Italy and protects France from Austria
4. Bad experience in Egypt but kept the news out of the press

B. Coup d'Etat

1. 1799 the French government had lost the people support
2. Napoleon uses opportunity to send troops and take control of the government
3. Directory is dissolved and 3 consuls are established
4. As one of the consuls Napoleon take dictatorial power
5. Other countries afraid of his power wanted to attack: Britain, Austria, and Russia
6. Napoleon emerges victorious and peace is reached in 1802
7. Napoleon is able to focus on France

II. Napoleon Rules France

A. Reforms

1. Napoleon begins to establish many changes to society building from the good ideas from the Revolution
2. Reforms:
 - Made taxation fair and orderly. As a result the government could count on a steady supply of money
 - He removed dishonest government workers
 - He started new public schools for ordinary citizens = Lycees
 - Gave the church back some of its power
 - Wrote a new set of laws that gave all French citizens the same rights = Napoleon Code. But the new rights took away some personal freedoms won during the Revolution. Limited free speech and restored slavery in the colonies.