1/29 1) Napoleon the Man
2) Napoleon & the Directory
3) Consulate
4) Empire
5) Defeat & Exile

Prominent Figure. Legacy alive today. Last Frenchman to transform country & world. Last before was Louis 14th. Compared to Hitler & Stalin. Brighter & more competant. Just as ruthless but not as cruel. Obsessed with his power. Tried to make all of Europe like France. Not small in contempory standards. Hand in coat was typical of his day.

Fits of depression. Melancholy. 3 hours sleep, lead troops on long marches. Tightly coiled, lost temper easily.

Origins - From Corsica which was Italian until 1768. Born in 1769. French school in mainland. Good in math & engineering. Others mocked his accent. Outsider all his life. Advantages → claimed that he stood for all of France because he did not come from a region in France. Served King, then revolution & Directory.

No fixed principles to tie him down. Not connected with any group. Willing to take

huge risks. Allowed past success to be destroyed for future

Ideology - Catholic, Diest, rationalist. Does not pray, etc. Church useful, did not want to alienate it.

No constitutional, legal or religious principles held him back. Admired Washington but did not understand why George gave up power.

Women - treated too well. Islamic peoples treat women better.

Directory - Corrupt. Dependant upon the army. Called Napolean for support in Coup. Worried about return of the monarchy. 1797 - legislators tossed by Directory. Economic crisis, misery. 1799 - called Napolean for support again. 18th Brumaire Nap. destroyed Directory & set up Consulate. 3 counsels but Dictatorship prevailed. Modeled after Roman Republic.

Justification - saving France. Nationalism. Used rhetoric of revolution & nationalism. First to do so. Consulate lasted 5 years. Centralized more administration in Paris. Set up offices called prefects in departments of France. Appointed by Nap. Set up new secret police force. → Fouché put in charge. Oppressive, model for KGB & Gestapo. Royalists & Jacobeans were opposition. 1804 - Jacobeans executed, invited Baden in Germany, kidnapped Enghien, Bourban & Royalist, executed him too.

Shocked people. People turned against him. Beethoven admired Napolean until kidnapping. Opera about Nap & his movement away from him.

Nap. tried to find a way to live with & benefit from church. Treaty called concordat between papacy & Nap. Replaced bishops with

loyal ones (to Nap) who were paid by state. Also pays for 1 priest per parish. State control of church. Relieves financial pressure on church but forced to give up claims on land lost in revolution. Pope blesses Nap. Nap. gets better end of bargain. Church made many bad deals with dictators which further marginalized church power.

Nap. Code - legal system. Renunciation in writing of class, locality & birth privileges. Instituted a merit based system. Offices used to be purchased or given to certain families. Meritocracy → civil servants. Became influential code in world. Nap. wanted to re-establish presence in America via Louisiana.

Employers more powerful than employees. Women not equal to men. Code not democratic.

Nap. sold Louisiana to Jefferson. Needed money, could not garrison Louisiana. Haiti - slave revolt, troops decimated by Yellow Fever. Sold it off. French pushed out of Canada by British.

French Empire - Dec. 2nd, 1804 - Nap. declares himself emperor. Like Charlamagne. In Notre Dame catherdral. Most decorations were patriotic. Model is Ceaser. Expands French power in Italy, India & Egypt previously. Sole enemy of consequence is England, another great empire. Nap. took over Holland & Switzerland. Sets up conflict between Britian & France. Nap. - best land army ever. Britian - best navy ever. Colonial empire needed for raw materials. Britian Navy - 4 times the firepower & better fed than French navy. 1803 - Britian declares war. Nap. wants to invade England. Admiral Nelson blockades France. Builds a home army of 80K. Nap. studied "Channel" concept.

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Needed to lure British out of channel. British destroy French navy at Trafalger. Lord Nelson killed in battle. Nap gives up on England & Focusses on continent.

Used artilery & speed. Defeats Austrians & Russians at Ulm. Greatest victory is Dec 2nd, 1805 Austerlitz. Killed or captured ⅓ of Austrian & Russian Forces. Talleyrand- go easy on losers. Nap did not. Earned another enemy.

Moved against Prussians & beat them. Poland set up as an idependent state- Duchy of Warsaw.