

# Reign of Napoleon Bonaparte: 1799-1815



# Rise of Napoleon

- True “child of the revolution”
- Shared philosophies of Enlightenment
- Lacked noble birth – highest rank he could achieve was Captain

# Rise to Power

- Hired by National Directory
- Sent to Paris to crush any resistance to National Directory
- 1798: Sent to Egypt to collapse any British influence – disrupt British shipping lanes

# Emperor Napoleon?



- 1799: Napoleon joins plot to overthrow the directory
- 1801: Signs concordat with Pope – restores Catholicism to France
- 1802: Made First consul for life
- Becomes more powerful than Bourbons



# Napoleon Coronation







# Napoleon Coronation ceremony

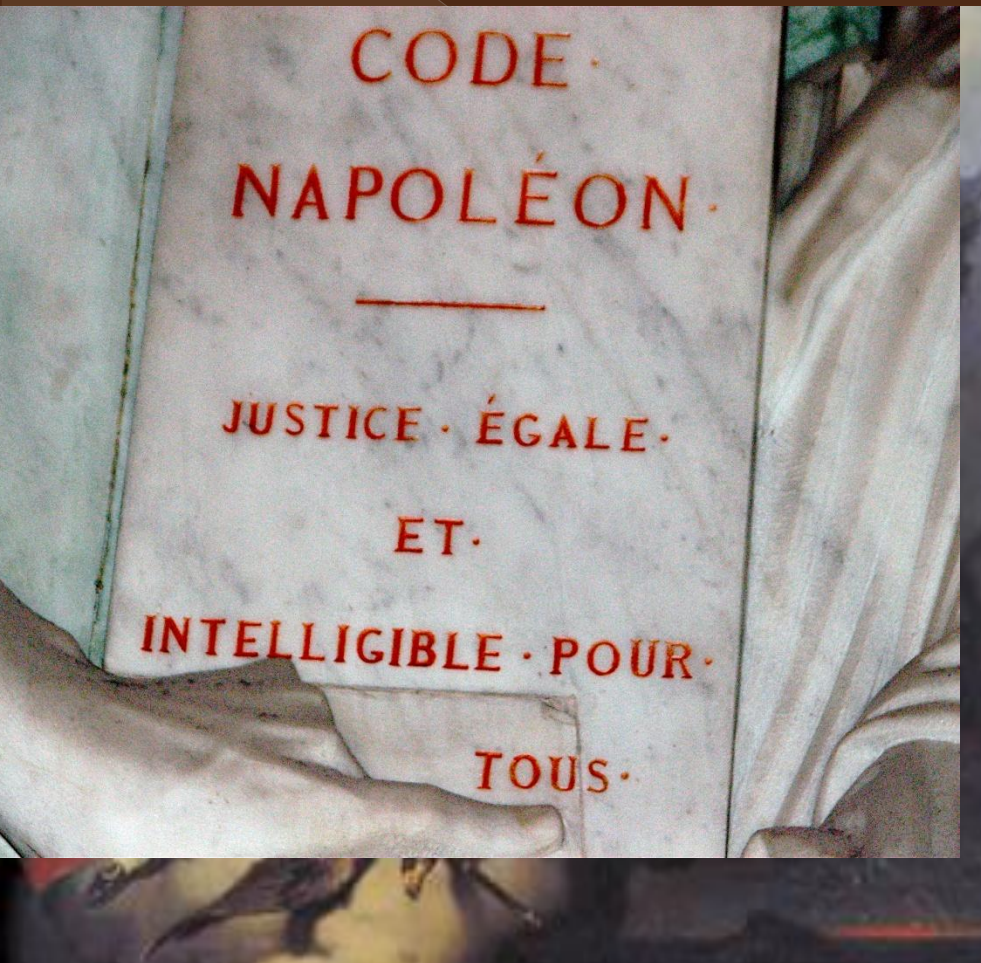
# Napoleon at war



- 1805: Invades Austria
- 1806: Prussia
- 1807: Russia
- 1808: Spain – expelled British forces assisting Spanish
- Goal: Bring “equality and Declaration of Rights of Man” to Europe



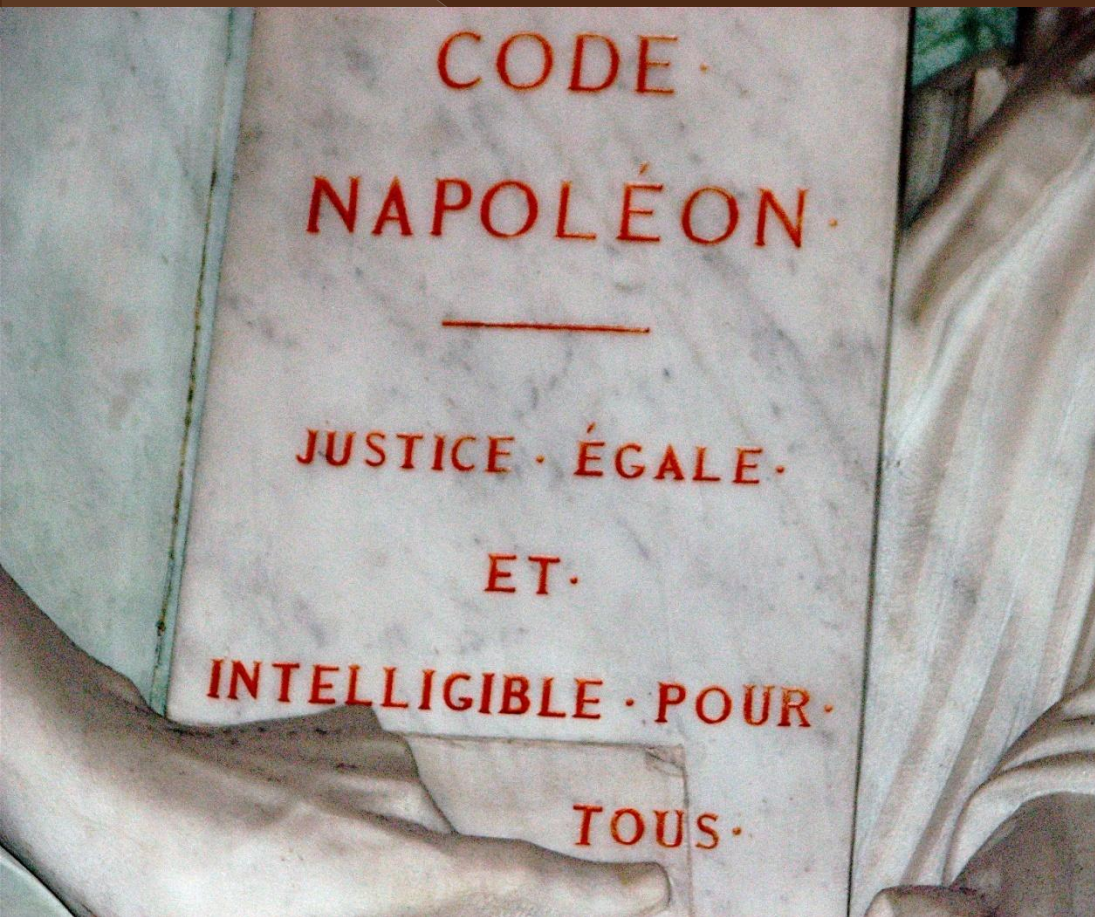
# Domestic Reforms of Napoleon



- 1804: Proclaimed self emperor for life
- New central banking system



# Napoleonic Code



- Facilitated trade
- Protected private property

# Downfall:

- ◉ Napoleon makes 2 costly military blunders:

1- **Continental System.**

2- Invasion of Russia.

# Continental System



- Napoleon did not have control of English channel
- Turned to an economic system which “forbade trade” with Britain
- Cost more to enforce than it did break Britain



# Decline of Napoleon



- 1807: Tsar Alexander makes peace alliance
- 1810: Russia breaks Continental System
- 1812: French troops deep into Russia
- Russian Scorched Earth Policy traps Napoleon

# “Scorched Earth”



Army now only 20,000 strong, as they retreat Across Russia while being ambushed by The Cossacks (Russian peasants).

# Results of the failed Invasion:

- ◉ Army destroyed by “Scorched Earth.”
- ◉ Napoleon was exiled to the island of Elba.



- ◉ Over 500,000 soldiers die.
- ◉ Other European powers now had an opportunity to recover.



# “100 Days”

- ◉ Napoleon escapes from Elba.
- ◉ Forces newly crowned Louis XVIII from the throne.
- ◉ Resumes control of France and army.
- ◉ Mobilizes against Great Britain and Prussia in an attempt to re-establish dominance.

# The Battle of Waterloo

- Belgium, 1815.
- Napoleon defeated for good.

key factors: -Wellington (Britain)

-Blucher (Prussia)

-the weather



Napoleon exiled again, this time to St. Helena.  
Dies in 1821.

I did too much...

