

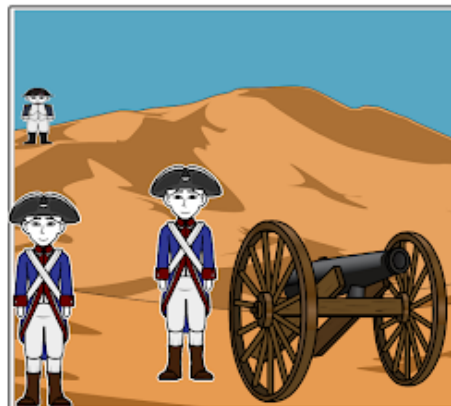
Coup D'état



The Directory wanted to avoid a monarchy beginning in France following the French Revolution. This led them to back the successful military commander, Napoleon Bonaparte. Napoleon, with the support of the Directory, staged a coup to overthrow the French leaders and make himself leader. This also ended the Reign of Terror.

Mon Sep 04 1797

Napoleon Abandons his Army



Napoleon received word of trouble in France and left his forces to go attend to it. Upon arriving in France, Napoleon learned that one of his supporters was trying to get rid of him. Napoleon quickly removed him and declared himself the First Consul of France. This caused people to remember the old monarchy in France.

Mon Dec 02 1799

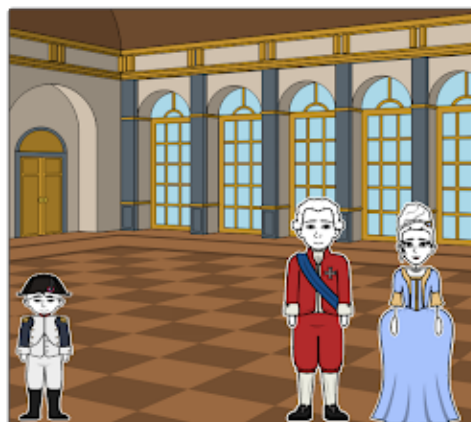
Attack on the Jacobins



Following a failed attempt on his life, Napoleon shifted blame onto the Jacobin family despite him knowing that the royalists tried to have him killed. He did this to further his own agenda and secure his power. He then went on to invade the German states by saying that a ruler was part of a royalist plot against him.

Sun Jan 01 1804

The Milan Decree



This decree was designed to try and cripple the British Empire's power through its economy. The decree would prevent countries under Napoleon's control from trading with Britain. This was met with resistance from the nations who depended on that trade to survive.

Tue Mar 03 1807

Thu Jan 01 1807

Napoleon Becomes Emperor



Napoleon used an assassination attempt to seize power and proclaim himself Emperor of France. This was a decision based only in his desire to secure a dynasty to rule after him. Napoleon decided that he should crown himself as to not seem to depend on some outside authority. This reinstated the monarchy that the French Revolution had worked to remove.