Age of Napoleon

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WORLD HISTORY

Target audience – World history learners	Time required – 15 minutes

Activity	Learn about the rise and fall of the French empire during the reign of Napoleon.
Standards	**C3: D2.His.1.9-12**. Evaluate how historical events and developments were shaped by unique circumstances of time and place, as well as broader historical contexts. **C3: D2.His.3.9-12**. Use questions generated to assess how the significance of their actions changes over time and is shaped by the historical context.
Learning Outcomes	• Students will compare and contrast France's territory before, during, and after the Age of Napoleon. • Students will identify and explain some of Napoleon's successes and defeats prior to the Congress of Vienna.

Map URL: http://esriurl.com/worldHistoryGeoInquiry13

❓ Ask

What was the geographic extent of Napoleonic France?

→ Click the link above to launch the map.
→ Read aloud: "The Napoleonic era began in 1799 with Napoleon Bonaparte's coup d'état of the French Directory. In 1804, he was proclaimed emperor."
→ With the Details button depressed, click the button Legend. Explore the legend to interpret the amp.
? Describe the expansion of France during Napoleon's reign; does anything surprise you? *[France expanded in all directions.]*
→ Click the button, Bookmarks. Select Napoleonic France.

⬇ Acquire

How was Napoleon able to expand and maintain his empire?

→ With the Details button depressed, click the button, (Show) Contents.
→ Check the box to the left of the layer name, Important Battle Sites.
→ Uncheck the layer, Map Notes.
? What does this layer tell you about Napoleon? *[He was a military leader, and he gained territory through military success.]*
→ Filter the layer, Napoleonic France. Set Ruler Is Family. *See Filter help on page 2.*
? What are some of the territories ruled by Napoleon's family? *[Spain, Austria, Confederation of the Rhine]*
? Why do you think he appointed family members to positions of power? *[Loyalty]*
→ Remove the filter.

🔍 Explore

Why did Napoleon invade Russia?

→ Turn on the layer, Map Notes.
→ Turn on the layer, Continental System.
→ Open and read the map note located off the coast of Great Britain.
? Why was trade important to Britain's economy? *[As an island nation, it needs places to sell goods.]*
? Why was the embargo difficult to maintain? *[Many ports, miles of coastline, hurts trade for countries.]*
→ Click the button, Bookmarks. Select Invasion of Russia.
→ Open and read the map note over the border of Russia.

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Analyze

What effect did Napoleon's invasion have on Napoleon?

- → Turn on the layers, Russian Invasion. View the legend to understand this layer.
- → Click each line to view bar graphs of Napoleon's troop numbers.
- ? How many troops did Napoleon start with? What happened to his Army as it advances to Moscow? *[400,000; large reduction in forces]*
- → Open and read the map note east of Moscow.
- ? Why do you think it was a mistake to stay in Moscow until October? *[Winter]*
- → Click the last retreat line near the border of Russia.
- ? How many troops left Russia in December 1812? *[10,000]*
- → Click the button, Bookmarks. Select Elba.
- → Go to the Waterloo bookmark, and open and read the map note.
- ? How many countries fought to defeat Napoleon at Waterloo? *[6]*

Act

What was the lasting impact of Napoleonic France?

- → Click the button, Bookmarks. Select Congress Of Vienna.
- → Turn on and off the layer, Europe 1815. Turn off other layers as needed for visibility.
- ? How does the map of Europe change in 1815? *[France loses a lot of land; new countries]*
- → Open and read the map note over Vienna.
- ? What were two goals of the Congress of Vienna? *[Balance of power; returning monarchs to power]*

BOOKMARKS

- Click the button, Bookmarks.
- Click a bookmark name to zoom to a map location and scale.

SET FILTER PARAMETERS

- The Filter is only available for certain map layers.
- In the Contents pane, click a layer name and click the Filter button beneath.
- Set the Filter parameters.
- When finished, be sure to remove filters.

Next Steps

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THEN TRY THIS...

- Add a layer of present European boundaries and have students use the Summarize Within analysis tool to find out how many present-day territories were controlled by Napoleon.
- Have students create a Map Journal story map highlighting five to seven key events during the Age of Napoleon.
- Search for the island of St. Helena. Use the Measure tool to show how remote and small the island is.

TEXT REFERENCES

This GIS map has been cross-referenced to material in sections of chapters from these high school texts.

- *World History: Human Journey by Holt — Chapter 12*
- *World History by Glencoe — Chapter 5*
- *World History by Pearson — Chapter 8*