

Napoleon

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Summary

This book is about the rise and fall of Napoleon and his conquest of Europe.

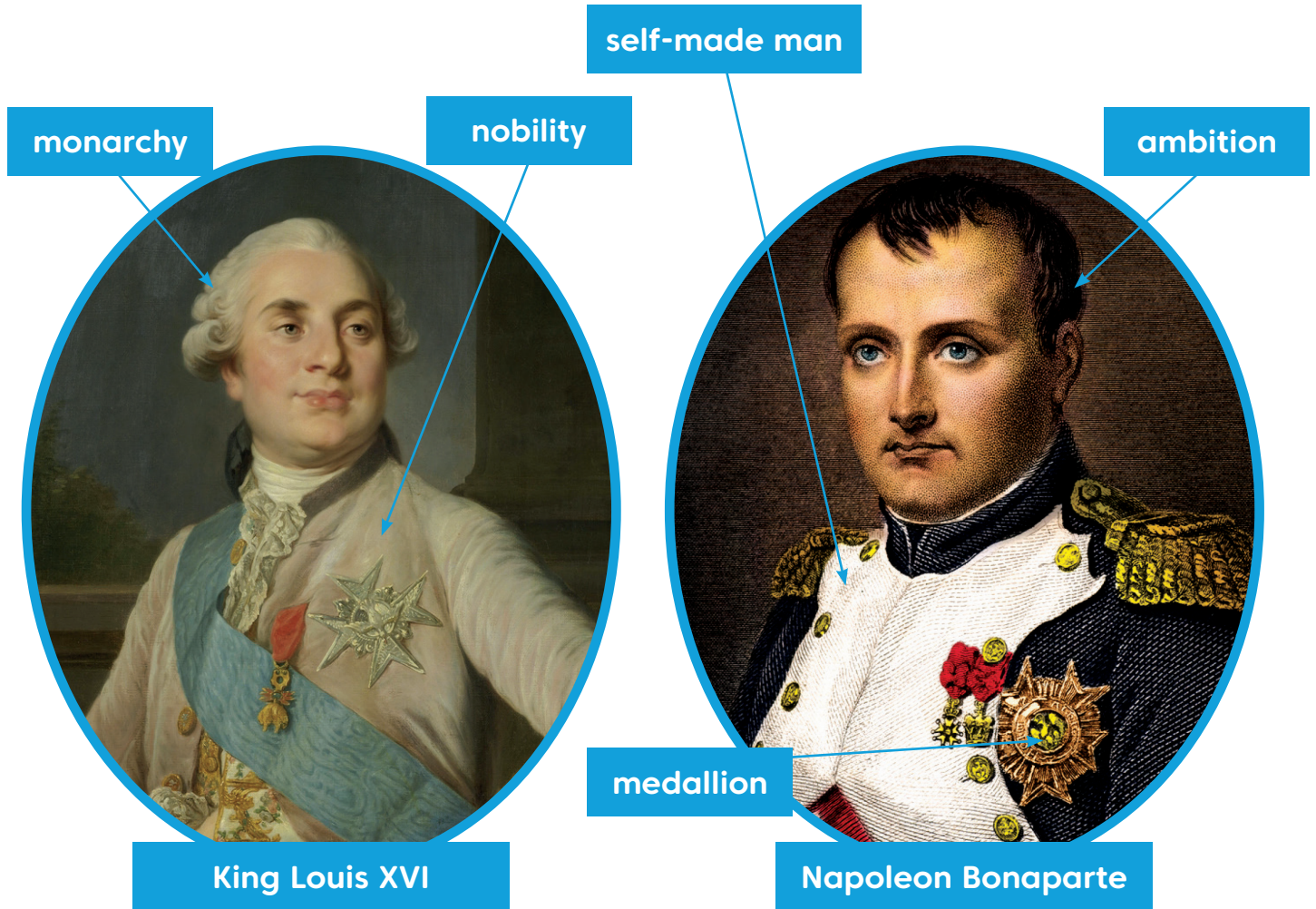
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. Before the French Revolution, what kind of government ruled France? _____
2. What do you call a person born into the highest social class? _____
3. What do you call a man who had to work for his success? _____
4. What personality quality drove Napoleon to success? _____

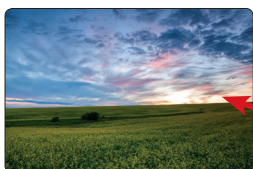
Vocabulary

A Read and match.

1.



2.



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6.



7.



8.



• a. licorice

• b. memoir

• c. tease

• d. guillotine

• e. horizon

• f. medallion

• g. cheat

• h. bullet

B Write the word for each definition.

overwhelm

myth

liberty

abolish

brutal

1. _____ freedom
2. _____ to defeat through large numbers or great power
3. _____ cruel and violent
4. _____ to put an end to
5. _____ an idea that is not true but is believed by many people

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. Many people gladly accepted Napoleon as a savior.
a. overthrew b. embraced c. feared d. abolished
2. Nobles had many advantages that the common people did not.
a. medallions b. memoirs c. privileges d. licorices
3. The Duke of Wellington had a(n) sensational victory over Napoleon.
a. ambitious b. spectacular c. disappointing d. disbanding
4. Some people see Napoleon as a hero, and other people see him as a wicked person.
a. king b. myth c. tease d. villain

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. Napoleon's soldiers brought cannons into the street and fired them at the crowd.
- b. Cats and open doors were two of Napoleon's fears.
- c. Napoleon crowned himself emperor at Notre Dame Cathedral.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

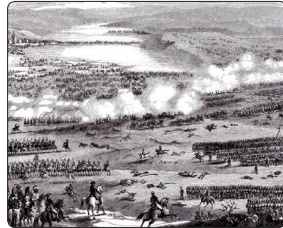
1. Where was Napoleon sent to school?
 - a. Belgium
 - b. Corsica
 - c. Russia
 - d. France
2. In which year did Napoleon disband the parliament of France?
 - a. 1799
 - b. 1769
 - c. 1795
 - d. 1815
3. Who were the Duke of Wellington's allies that helped defeat Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo?
 - a. The Russians
 - b. The Prussians
 - c. The French
 - d. The Belgians

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. The beheading of King Louis XVI
- b. Josephine: the woman Napoleon loved
- c. A superb victory at Austerlitz
- d. The seemingly endless plains of Russia
- e. The Emperor of France



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ Napoleon was born into a noble family.
2. _____ The French Revolution gave Napoleon his big chance.
3. _____ Josephine and Napoleon were madly in love with one another.
4. _____ Napoleon gave many valuable objects, including money and paintings, to Italy.
5. _____ After his defeat at Waterloo, Napoleon was exiled to the island of Saint Helena.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. At school, Napoleon was _____ because of his accent.
embraced teased
2. The French Revolution _____ the nobility.
abolished privileged
3. Napoleon gave Josephine a _____ with the words “To Destiny” written on it.
medallion guillotine
4. At Waterloo, cannon balls and _____ flew through the sky.
licorice bullets
5. On Saint Helena, Napoleon dictated his _____ about his life.
liberties memoirs

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ The people of France overthrew King Louis XVI.
- b. _____ Napoleon was sent to live on Saint Helena.
- c. _____ Napoleon joined the army as a teenager, and his path to power began.
- d. _____ Napoleon retreated from Russia through ice and snow.
- e. _____ At Notre Dame Cathedral, Napoleon crowned himself emperor.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
_____ is thought of as a hero by some people and a villain by others.	Napoleon aspired to be like famous _____ such as Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar.	Napoleon disbanded the French parliament and declared himself emperor in _____.	At the Battle of _____, Napoleon met a crushing defeat at the hands of the British and their Prussian allies.	Napoleon thought _____ and once said, "I am the revolution."

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.