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#### Napoleon forges and empire

### Napoleon seizes power

# Early life

-Napoleon Bonaparte—born in Corsica, attends, military school, joins army

# Hero of the hour

- -in 1795, Napoleon defeats royalist rebels attacking national convention
- -Napoleon wins stunning victories in Italy, gaining popularity
- -new of his defeated in Egypt is suppressed

### Coup d'etat

- -in November 1799, he carries ur coup d'etat— seizure of power
- -Napoleon defeats British, Russians, Austrians who join forces against him

# Napoleon rules France

# Vote of approval

-new constitution is approved through plebiscite—vote of the people

#### Restoring order at home

- -to fix economy, he sets up national banking system, efficient tax collection
- -establishes lycees— government run public skills to train officials
- -signs concordat- agreement with pope restoring Catholicism In France
- -creates Napoleonic Code— uniform system of laws

#### Napoleon crowned as emperor

-in December 1804, Napoleon crowns himself emperor of France

#### Napoleon creates an empire

#### **Loss of American territories**

- -in 1801, Napoleon attempts to retake colony of saint dominigue
- -gives up on the Americas and concentrates on Europe
- -sells the Louisiana territory to United States for \$15 million in 1803

#### Conquering Europe

- -Britain, Russia, Austria, Sweden join forces against napoleon
- -Napoleon crushes enemy forces in several brilliant battles
- -Napoleon forces Austria, Russia, Sweden to sign peace treaties

#### The battle of trafalgar

- -in 1805, British win battle of trafalgar- ensures British naval superiority
- -thus defeats forces Napoleon to give up plan of invading Britain
- -looks for another way to control Britain

#### The French empire

- -Napoleon controls Europe except for Britain, Portugal, Sweden, ottomans
- -has puppet rulers in some countries, alliances with others
- -French empire reaches largest extent from 1807 to 1812