

# The Napoleonic Age

## Main Themes:

1. Napoleon's conquests stimulated liberalism and nationalism throughout Europe.
2. The concept of a "balance of power" was formally put into practice by the Vienna Settlement and proved to be successful for the next 100 years.

### I. Napoleon's Accomplishments: Son of the Revolution OR Military Dictator???

- A. Centralization of French local government.
- B. Furtherance of public education.
- C. Settlement of religious conflicts brought about during the Revolution --> **Concordat of 1801**.
- D. Legal reforms --> **Code Napoleon** (\*\*see your notes for details \*\*)
- E. Improved French finances --> Bank of France established.
- F. Public works projects built.

### II. Napoleon's Influence Upon Europe:

- A. Map changes (\*\* see your notes for Vienna Settlement provisions \*\*)
- B. Spread French revolutionary ideas.
- C. Ended the Old Regime abuses of feudalism and serfdom.
- D. Introduced the Code Napoleon to other countries in Central Europe.
- E. He aroused a spirit of intolerant nationalism among the conquered peoples.
- F. **Confederation of the Rhine** created --> aided eventual German unification.

### III. The Congress of Vienna (1814-1815): (Metternich, Castlereach, Czar Alexander I, Tallyrand)

- A. Restore the pre-French revolutionary balance of power (principle of legitimacy) and keep Fr. weak.
- B. Compensation -- territorial musical chairs.
- C. Denial of democracy and nationalism --> try to "put the genie {of revolutionary ideals} back in the bottle".
- D. Metternich's policies ("Age of Reaction"):
  - press censorship --> Carlsbad Decrees.
  - Quadruple Alliance --> "Concert of Europe".
  - Dutch Republic revived as the Netherlands.
  - Sardinia restored.
  - created a new Poland.
  - he made no concessions to the principle of popular sovereignty.

#### ADDITIONAL TERMS TO KNOW:

Concordat of 1801  
*lycees*  
Code Napoleon  
Champollion  
Rosetta Stone  
Legion of Honor  
Consulate  
Battle of Trafalgar  
Admiral Nelson  
Duke of Wellington  
Continental System  
Waterloo  
legitimacy  
compensation  
Quadruple Alliance