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# Napoleon Discussion

**Directions:** Read the article "Napoleon and His Impact," and using both that article, the textbook, and your own insights, answer the following broad discussion questions. Write small and neat, and since we will discuss these questions tomorrow, leave room for more writing tomorrow.

1. How did Napoleon rise to power? What factors played the greatest role?

2. Why did Napoleon's empire collapse? What factors played the greatest role?

3. Was Napoleon a villainous Conqueror of Europe or a heroic Uniter of Europe?

4. Why did the French support Napoleon? Didn't he rule like a king?

5. Did Napoleon destroy the French Revolution or help it to spread?

6. Was Napoleon an “Enlightened Despot” or a Hypocrite toward the Enlightenment? Or are “Enlightened Despots” inherently hypocritical?

7. Was Napoleon's impact on Europe ultimately more positive or negative?

8. Why do popular revolutions (revolutions of the people) often lead to military dictatorships?

9. Are revolutions futile? Are the odds stacked against revolutionaries? Do they cause more harm than good? Should oppressed people revolt? Should they just endure oppression? Are there alternatives