

Aim: How did Napoleon's Empire come to an end?

I. Fall of Napoleon

1. Empire collapsed rapidly
2. Several costly mistakes
 - A. Britain
 - a. Napoleon planned to invade GB
 - b. Continental System 1806
 - c. Purpose was to stop British goods from reaching Europe to be sold
 - d. Plan was to weaken Britain's economy and then destroy them by war
 - e. European countries did not like being told they could not trade with GB
 - B. Nationalism
 - a. French power sparked nationalism
 - b. Countries hated France
 - c. This hatred sparked many rebellions against the French
 - C. Russia
 - a. 1812
 - b. Alexander I refused the Continental system
 - c. Napoleon invades
 - d. June 12, 1812 sends 600,000 soldiers
 - e. Russians retreated
 - f. Burned Moscow to keep Napoleon from getting food
 - g. Winter came and French were unprepared
 - h. Only 40,000 soldiers survived
 - i. 1814 Napoleon was exiled to Elba
 - j. French brought in Louis XVIII, brother of Louis XVI
 - D. Final Defeat
 - a. Napoleon plans to return to France
 - b. "I am your emperor"
 - c. March 1815 returns
 - d. Raised a new army
 - e. Fought at Waterloo in Belgium June 1815
 - f. France vs. GB and Belgium
 - g. Bloody defeat
 - h. Exiled to St. Helena, an island in the South Atlantic
 - i. He died in 1821