

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