The Rise and Fall of Napoleon Bonaparte

1) How did the republican phase of the French Revolution end in 1797? Two years later who seized power? How could his type of government be described? (pages 653 and 656)

2) How had the American and French Revolutions differed in the creation of institutions that expressed the popular will? Why was a dictator like Napoleon acceptable to the French? (656)

3) Why did Napoleon succeed where the preceding National Convention had failed? Explain the significance of the Concordat of 1801 and the Civil Code of 1804 to French citizens. (656)

4) What did the continuation of the Napoleonic system depend on? By 1810 which areas were controlled by France and which were dependent states? Which nations remained at war with Napoleon as of 1810? What was the significance of the Battle of Trafalgar? (656 and map on 657)

5) Napoleon made several critical mistakes that led to his downfall. One of these mistakes was the Continental blockade that we will discuss in class. Why were these other two actions mistakes and what were the negative results for the Napoleonic Empire: (656)

Invasion of Spain and Portugal in 1807 and 1808:

Invasion of Russia in 1812:

6) Why was Napoleon forced to abdicate in April 1814? What was the name of Napoleon’s place of exile? Identify it on the map near the island of Corsica where Napoleon was born. (656 and map on 657)

7) What happened after Napoleon escaped from Elba? How many days was he able to continue in power? Which major battle in 1815 in which country ended his rule? Where was his final place of exile? (656)