Napoleon I

Rise to Power

• Earlier military career —> The Egyptian Campaign
  - Was sent to Egypt to harass Britain
  - Napoleon abandoned his troops in Egypt to go back and be France’s leader

• 1799 (Napoleon takes over), part of the directory
  - Proclaimed himself “first counsel” and did away with the elected Assembly
    1. Two years later, proclaimed himself “Emperor”

• Napoleon established the Banque de France, 1800
  - Banque de France is a bank (national)
  - The first national bank in history

• Concordat of 1801
  - Napoleon wanted to heal the divisions within the Catholic Church that had developed since the confiscation of Church property and the Civil Constitution of the Clergy

• Lycée System of Education
  - Established by Napoleon in 1801 as an educated reform
  - Schools taught what the people from the town needed, nothing more (Napoleon changed that)
  - Lycée’s initially enrolled the nation’s most talented students (They needed to pay tuition)
  - Lycées trained the nation’s future bureaucrats

• Legion of Honor, 1802
  - Best French citizen of the year, one person in all of France
    2. Received everything…food, shelter, etc. for the rest of their lives

• Code Napoleon, 1804
  - Divides civil law into: