

Napoleon

- Ruled France from 1799 to 1815.
- Gained absolute powers in 1799 by becoming the First Consul.

Civil Code of 1804 / Napoleonic Code:

- Equality before the law was established
- Secured the right to property
- Simplified administrative measures
- Abolished feudal system
- Freed peasants from serfdom and manorial dues
- Guild restrictions were removed
- Transport and communication systems were improved.

Napoleon took away political freedom, increased taxes, imposed censorship and forced people to join French army.

The Making of Nationalism in Europe

No Nation states were in Europe because of not common identity or culture.

- People residing in different areas spoke different languages.
Example: Hungary half of the population spoke Magyar other half spoke variety of dialects and in Galicia people spoke Polish.

The Aristocracy and the New Middle Class

- **Aristocracy**
 - The land owning class.
 - Spoke French connected by ties of marriages.
 - Numerically a small group.
- **Peasantry**
 - Majority of population
- **Middle class**