

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND THE AGE OF NAPOLEON – WORD LIST

- **abolish** = ban, do away with
- **achievement** = something important that you have done and you will be remembered for
- **although** =while
- **approach** = to come nearer to, to move towards
- **aristocrat** = the same as a nobleman
- **arrest** = to put someone into prison
- **artillery** = large guns that are moved on wheels or fixed in a certain place
- **assembly** =meeting of representatives
- **average** =usual, normal
- **ban** = forbid; to put away with something ; it doesn't exist any more
- **battle** = a fight between armies in a war
- **behead** = to kill somebody by cutting off their head
- **blockade** = to stop things that enter or leave a place
- **citizen** = a person who lives in a country and has rights there
- **civil law** =the rules that private people have to follow
- **clergy** = the people who work for the church
- **collection** =set, group
- **colonists** = people who go away from their home country and live in a place far away; they are still ruled by the king or queen.
- **commander** = an officer who is in charge of a group of soldiers
- **commander in chief** = someone who has a high rank and is in charge of all of or most of the military organizations of a country
- **commit** = to do
- **conquer** = to get control, of an area by fighting
- **constitution** = a system of laws that a country has
- **consulate** = kind of government in France
- **convention** = a large meeting of many different groups of people
- **convince** =to talk someone into something
- **court** =place where a judge and jury decide if a person is guilty or not
- **create** = make, found
- **crime** = if you do something that is against the law
- **critical** = here: very important and dangerous
- **crown** = to make a person king or queen
- **cut off** =separate
- **decide** =choose to do something
- **defeat** = to win against someone in a fight, battle or game
- **defend** =protect, guard
- **destroy** =damage completely
- **disaster** = an event that causes a lot of damage
- **divorce** = the end of a marriage
- **economy** =the financial system of a country; the way it buys and sells goods
- **emperor** = a man or woman who is the ruler of an empire
- **empire** = a group of countries that are ruled or governed by one person
- **empress** =a woman who is the ruler of a group of countries
- **enemy** = someone who hates you and whom you fight against
- **era** = time, phase, period
- **escape** = to get away from
- **flee-fled** = same as escape
- **fleet** = a group of ships that belong to a country's navy
- **follower** = a person who believes in a system and helps the leader of such a system

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- **forbid** = not allow
- **force** = make someone do something you want
- **gain** = to get, to reach
- **genius** = a person who has a very high level of intelligence
- **goods** = products
- **govern** = to rule
- **graduate** = to get a degree when you have finished school
- **higher education** = schools for pupils aged 14 or higher
- **in control** = to be in charge of ...
- **independent** = to govern yourself, to be free
- **introduce** = set up something new
- **invade** = to take control of a town or country by using force
- **join** = to become a member of; to get together with others
- **judge** = a person who is in control of a court and decides how criminals should be punished
- **law** = the set of rules that a country has
- **leader** = the first person in a country
- **liberty** = freedom
- **marriage** = the relationship between two people who are married
- **Mediterranean Sea** = the sea between Europe and Africa
- **nobleman** = a man who is a member of the highest social class
- **occupy** = to enter a country with soldiers and keep control of it for a longer time
- **one by one** = one after the other
- **overthrow** = to remove a leader from government
- **peasants** = poor people who live in the country and don't have any land
- **popular** = liked by many people
- **prison** = a building where you keep people if they have done something wrong
- **Prussia** = a German state in northern Europe that was very powerful between the 17th and 19th centuries
- **reach** = get to
- **rebellion** = if people fight against their king or queen
- **relative** = a person who is a member of your family
- **represent** = stand for, symbolize
- **retaliation** = to take action against a person or a country that has done something bad against you
- **retreat** = to move back
- **rule** = govern
- **seize** = to take hold of or control of
- **spread** = to become larger and move to other places
- **station** = to send a soldier to a military place for some time
- **supporter** = someone who helps a person
- **surrender** = to give up
- **taxes** = the money you have to pay to the government
- **throne** = a special chair used by a king or a queen to sit on
- **tiny** = very small
- **torture** = to hurt someone and make them tell you things that you want to know
- **trade** = to buy and sell things
- **treat** = act towards someone
- **victory** = when you win against someone
- **weak** = not strong
- **weapons** = something that you use to fight with or attack someone