

Napoleon

Maximillian Robespierre: previous leader of revolution

- Death marks end of reign of terror 1794
- Major power vacuum in 1794
 - No clear government
- 1795: new constitution
 - Bicameral legislature
 - Moderate, almost conservative
 - After rein of terror, people want to go back. But doesn't last long

Napoleon Bonaparte

- Military leader for repelling Austrian and Prussian armies
- 1799: participates in a political coup
 - Napoleon becomes first consul (head executive of government)
 - Becomes "dictator"
- 1802: made president for life
- 1804: crowns himself emperor
- He is a despot; his rein is called despotism
 - Gets a lot done
 - Tries to make friends with the Catholic Church
 - Adds Catholicism back to the culture of France
 - More power and Allies
 - Enacts a brand new civil code
 - Codifies (writes down)
 - Makes it clear women are not equal to men
 - New tax code
 - Taxes are collected uniformly and fairly
 - France's budget is balanced
 - New aristocracy (new nobility)
 - Based off of merit
 - Diplomacy is different beast
 - Wages many wars in Europe
 - Inability to hold onto power causes him to loose it