**French Revolution/Napoleon Checklist**

What you need to know:

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| **Topic 1- The causes of the French Revolution and the events of 1789** | Good | OK | Bad |
| * The structure of the *Ancien Régime*. |  |  |  |
| * Financial and economic problems faced by pre-revolutionary France. |  |  |  |
| * Social discontent in France and how the ideas of the enlightenment fed in to this. |  |  |  |
| * The Assembly of Notables and the political developments 1787–May 1789. |  |  |  |
| * The demands of the Estates General |  |  |  |
| * The events in Paris in 1789 |  |  |  |
| * The ‘Great Fear’ |  |  |  |
| * The October Days |  |  |  |

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| **Topic 2 - The revolution from October 1789 to the Directory 1795** | Good | OK | Bad |
| * Why did it become impossible to set up a constitutional monarchy? |  |  |  |
| * Reforms in church and state, |  |  |  |
| * Sans Cullottes and the different political clubs – ensure you know the ideas held by Girondins and Jacobins and what happened to make overthrow the Girondins? |  |  |  |
| * What was the significance of the “flight to Varennes”? |  |  |  |
| * What caused some people to attempt a counter revolution? |  |  |  |
| * What were the causes of “the terror” |  |  |  |
| * The impact of Robespierre his rise and fall. |  |  |  |
| * The establishment of the Thermidorian Regime? |  |  |  |
| * Why did France find itself at war and how did this go? |  |  |  |
| * What was the constitution of the Directory? |  |  |  |

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| **Topic 3 - Napoleon Bonaparte to 1807** | Good | OK | Bad |
| * The career of Bonaparte to 1799: early life and character |  |  |  |
| * His military leadership and reasons for success to 1799 including Toulon, |  |  |  |
| * The Italian Campaign and Egypt |  |  |  |
| * The weaknesses of the Thermidorian regime |  |  |  |
| * The coup of Brumaire in 1799 |  |  |  |
| * Napoleon’s reforms as Consul, including the constitutional, legal, financial, educational changes |  |  |  |
| * The establishment and nature of the Empire in France |  |  |  |
| * Nature of and reasons for military successes and failures after 1799 |  |  |  |
| * Marengo and the War of the Third Coalition, including the battles of Ulm and Austerlitz, Trafalgar. |  |  |  |

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| **Topic 4** - **The Decline and Fall of Napoleon, 1807-1815** | Good | OK | Bad |
| * What successes Napoleon had up to 1807. |  |  |  |
| * Why Napoleon felt the need to war against Britain. |  |  |  |
| * What was the ‘Continental System’ and how did Napoleon intend to use this to fight Britain? |  |  |  |
| * Why was Napoleon forced to wage war in Spain and Portugal? Why did he end up losing? |  |  |  |
| * Why did relations deteriorate between Russia and France and lead to War? |  |  |  |
| * Why was the Russian campaign such a disaster for Napoleon? |  |  |  |
| * Why was Napoleon unsuccessful in the final campaigns of 1813-1815? |  |  |  |
| * How important is the battle of Waterloo? |  |  |  |
| * Why did Napoleon fail in his conquest of Europe? |  |  |  |
| * What lasting impact did Napoleon have on France? |  |  |  |