**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*.
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| * Financial and economic problems faced by pre-revolutionary France.
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| * Social discontent in France and how the ideas of the enlightenment fed in to this.
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| * The Assembly of Notables and the political developments 1787–May 1789.
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| * The demands of the Estates General
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| * The events in Paris in 1789
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| * The ‘Great Fear’
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| * 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?
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| * Reforms in church and state,
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| * 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?
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| * What was the significance of the “flight to Varennes”?
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| * What caused some people to attempt a counter revolution?
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| * What were the causes of “the terror”
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| * The impact of Robespierre his rise and fall.
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| * The establishment of the Thermidorian Regime?
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| * Why did France find itself at war and how did this go?
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| * 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
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| * His military leadership and reasons for success to 1799 including Toulon,
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| * The Italian Campaign and Egypt
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| * The weaknesses of the Thermidorian regime
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| * The coup of Brumaire in 1799
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| * Napoleon’s reforms as Consul, including the constitutional, legal, financial, educational changes
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| * The establishment and nature of the Empire in France
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| * Nature of and reasons for military successes and failures after 1799
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| * 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.
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| * Why Napoleon felt the need to war against Britain.
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| * What was the ‘Continental System’ and how did Napoleon intend to use this to fight Britain?
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| * Why was Napoleon forced to wage war in Spain and Portugal? Why did he end up losing?
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| * Why did relations deteriorate between Russia and France and lead to War?
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| * Why was the Russian campaign such a disaster for Napoleon?
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| * Why was Napoleon unsuccessful in the final campaigns of 1813-1815?
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| * How important is the battle of Waterloo?
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| * Why did Napoleon fail in his conquest of Europe?
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| * What lasting impact did Napoleon have on France?
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