



An Essay on Napoleon and why he should be  
remembered as a positive figure.

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Napoleon should be seen as a positive figure in the history of France and Europe because he changed the way the government and society worked. Napoleon was born in a poor family therefore he could not have possibly risen above a certain position. Napoleon was a successful ruler, he gained power in most of continental Europe. Napoleon was believed to be a military hero by the people. Napoleon believed in three things, one he believed in the overthrow of the old system that was being used during Napoleon's time, second he believed that there should be a strong government, third he believed in order and hard work for the foundations of greatness. There are people who think Napoleon destroyed the work of the French Revolution, but instead he kept the important frameworks of the revolution by letting people move between the different classes, this is a move from a monarchy to democratic way for society. Napoleon was a good model for a dictator because he spent all his time dictating, his dictatorship was mostly an enlightened one. Napoleon had won the battle of the battle of 13 vendemiaire to end the threat of the revolutionary government. Napoleon created a government in France that supported liberty and equality. Napoleon was a confident risk-taker and determined to succeed. Napoleon was charismatic and highly ambitious. Napoleon is described as a revolution and an intellectual military strategist. People respected Napoleon because of his good leadership. Napoleon had laid the foundation for the modern French education. Napoleon made French the dominant power in Europe. Napoleon, Sieyès, and Roger-Ducos replaced the directory, but Napoleon took the chair and did not renounce it for fifteen years he made it his throne. In 1804 Napoleon self-proclaimed himself as Emperor Napoleon I. Napoleon is seen as a military and political genius. Napoleon had created a stable police system which is similar to our police system. Napoleon aware of his lack of information decided to take advice before doing anything in the years of the consulate.

Napoleon's proudest achievement was the Civil Code. Napoleon unified France by creating The Civil Code. The Civil Code was better known as the Napoleonic code which removed privileges based on birth, allowed freedom and made sure that only people who were qualified got the government jobs. Napoleon established the Bank of France for the country's economy so it could be organized. Napoleon had only lost seven total battles in his careers. After Napoleon's fall from his power in 1815 the british government sent him to an island called St.Helena. Napoleon was allowed to do anything, what he did in his new home was mostly write or read books. Napoleon died on May 5 in the year 1821, his health had been declining since 1817 and had been showing early signs of either stomach ulcer or cancer. Napoleon had cared about his military troops which is one of the reasons he should be seen as a positive figure because most kings or emperors did not really care about their military troops. Napoleon build Imperial University and other schools as well to ensure education. If it wasn't for Napoleon French may never have been a democratic government ever, France might have remained in anarchy. Without Napoleon equality and liberty would not probably have existed in the modern time. Napoleon won more battles than he lost which allowed him to be seen as a hero in entire Europe. Also the idea of the revolution would probably not have reached to the other European Countries. Napoleon created the Legion of Honor in 1802 to reward talented and hardworking people. My Opinion is that Napoleon should be seen as a positive figure because he has done so much things like reshaping the government and society he made sure that everybody was treated equally and abolished feudalism so peasants could keep their lands, ensuring education, and establishing a bank for the government's economy he also created the Legion of Honor. There has been no other person in

history who is able to be matched with Napoleon. There have been buildings that were made during Napoleon's time when he ruled that are still standing.