

Chronology of the French Revolutionary Era 1789–1815

Events in France, 1789–1815

1789	5 May	The Estates-General meets
	20 June	Tennis Court Oath; National Assembly
	14 July	storming of the Bastille
	4/5 August	abolition of the feudal order
	27 August	declaration of the Rights of Man
1790	12 July	Civil Constitution of the Clergy
1791	20 June	The Flight to Varennes; King's arrest
	3 September	Constitution: constitutional monarchy
1792	20 April	declaration of war on Austria
	10 August	storming of the Tuilleries
	20 September	National Convention; republic declared, monarchy abolished, Girondin supremacy
1793	21 January	execution of Louis XVI
	2 June	fall of the Girondins; installation of 'Revolutionary Government'
	July	Committee of Public Safety; Terror begins; Jacobins' Constitution of Year I; War against the Vendée Rising
1794	27/28 July	fall of Robespierre (9 Thermidor); the 'Thermidorian Reaction'
	September	abolition of the revolutionary tribunal
1795	5 March	Peace of Basle
	17 August	Constitution of Year III; Directory created
1796/7		campaign in Upper Italy
1797	4 September	coup d'état of 18 Fructidor; rise of Bonaparte
	October	Annexation of Belgium; Cisalpine Republic
1798/9		campaign in Egypt
1799	9 November	beginning of 2nd War of the Coalition coup d'état of 18 Brumaire; dissolution of the Directory; Bonaparte's Constitution of Year VIII; Consulate created; Napoleon elected First Consul
1801	9 February	Concordat with the Papacy Peace of Lunéville
1802	27 March	Peace of Amiens
	2 August	Constitution of Year X; Bonaparte Life Consul; Annexation of Piedmont
1803		The 'Armée de l'Angleterre' camps at Boulogne
1804	21 March	promulgation of Code Napoléon
	2 December	Constitution of Year XII; French Empire created
1805	August–Dec.	Napoleon, King of Italy War of the Third Coalition

France's Wars, 1792–1815

1792–1797

War of the First Coalition Membership

- from 1792: Austria, Prussia (to March 1795)
- from 1793: Britain, the Netherlands (to 1795); Spain (to June 1795); Portugal, Naples, Sardinia, the Papal State (to 1796)

Principal battles

Valmy (20 September 1792);
Neerwinden (18 March 1793);
Lodi (10 May 1796)

Treaties

Basle (5 March 1795);
Campo Formio (17 October 1797)

1799–1802

War of the Second Coalition Membership

Britain, Austria (to 9 February 1801);
Russia (to 22 October 1799); Turkey,
Naples, Portugal (to June 1801)

Principal battles

Pyramids (21 July 1798); Aboukir
(Battle of the Nile) (1 August 1798);
Marengo (14 June 1800); Hohenlinden
(3 December 1800)

Treaties

Lunéville (9 February 1801);
Amiens (27 March 1802)

1805

War of the Third Coalition Membership

Britain, Austria, Russia, Prussia,
Naples, Sweden

Principal battles

Ulm (20 October 1805);
Trafalgar (21 October 1805);
Austerlitz (2 December 1805)

Treaties

Schönbrunn (12 December 1805);
Pressburg (26 December 1805)

1806		Joseph Bonaparte, King of Naples; Confederation of the Rhine; Holy Roman Empire abolished
	September	War of the Coalition
	November	proclamation of the Continental System
	21 November	Berlin Decree: Continental System proclaimed
1807		Jerome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia; Grand Duchy of Warsaw created
	July	Treaty of Tilsit; Franco-Russian Accord; Occupation of Portugal
1808	May	Bayonne Talks: Re-organisation of Spain
	27 September to 14 October	Congress of Erfurt
1808/9		campaign in Spain
1809		Illyrian Provinces created Annexation of Rome and Papal States
	April	beginning of 5th War of the Coalition
	14 October	Peace of Schönbrunn
1810		Annexation of Holland and North Germany Bernadotte, Prince Royal of Sweden
1812	24 June to December	Russian Campaign: Napoleon's 'Polish War'; collapse of the Grand Army in Russia
1813		German Campaign: 'War of Liberation' begins
1814	31 March	capitulation of Paris
	6 April	Napoleon's first abdication: exile to Elba
	24 April	Restoration of Louis XVIII
	30 May	Treaty of Paris I: frontiers of 1792 re-instated
	4 June	Royal Charter restores constitutional monarchy
	September	Congress of Vienna convened
1815	6/7 March	Napoleon lands at Cannes; The '100 Days' begin
	May to June	campaign in Belgium
	9 June	Napoleon's second Abdication: exile to St. Helena
	22 June	Final Act of the Congress of Vienna
	20 November	Treaty of Paris II: foreign occupation, reparations

1806-1807**War of the Fourth Coalition
Membership**

Britain, Prussia, Russia, Saxony

Principal battles

Jena and Auerstedt (14 October 1806);

Prussian Eylau (8 February 1807);

Friedland (14 June 1807)

Treaties

Posen (December 1806);

Tilsit (7-9 July 1807)

1808-15**Peninsular War****1809****War of the Fifth Coalition****Membership**

Britain, Austria

Principal battles

Aspern (22 May 1809); Wagram (5 July 1809)

Treaties

Schönbrunn (14 October 1809)

1812**Russian War****Principal battles**

Smolensk (18 August 1812); Borodino

(7 September 1812); crossing of the

Berezina (26-28 November 1812)

1813-1815**War of the Sixth Coalition****Membership**

Russia, Prussia (from March 1813), Britain

(from June 1813), Austria (from August

1813), Sweden, Spain, Portugal

Principal battles

Lelzig (16-19 October 1813);

Tolentino (3 May 1815); Ligny

(15 June 1815); Waterloo (18 June 1815)

Treaties

Paris I (30 May 1814); Vienna (9 June 1815);

Paris II (20 November 1815)