

# **Napoleon: A Classic Dictator?**

1. The author considers Napoleon as paradoxical in terms of his personality and achievements. Discuss some of these paradoxes and your views on them.
2. Discuss the events of the 18<sup>th</sup> of Brumaire as outlined in the article. How does this description fit with the mythology of Napoleon?
3. How would you characterize Napoleon's management style and work-ethic? What impact do you think these traits had on life in France during his rule?
4. The author outline three techniques that defined his rule: anger, repression and control of public opinion. Briefly explain each one and how he used each one as leader.
5. What does the author think ultimately brought about his downfall? Do you agree?
6. How should we look on Napoleon? Did he save the revolution or destroy it?
7. Compare Napoleon to another leader (past or present) and examine the similarities and differences.