

## Course details

### Course title

History: Napoleon: Citizen to Emperor

### Course code

Q00017276

### Course date

Start: 26/09/24

End: 05/12/24

### Number of classes

10 sessions

### Timetable

Thu 26th Sep, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 3rd Oct, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 10th Oct, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 17th Oct, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 31st Oct, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 7th Nov, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 14th Nov, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 21st Nov, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 28th Nov, 11:30 to 13:30

Thu 5th Dec, 11:30 to 13:30

### Branch

Richmond Branch

### Tutor

Amy Miller

### Fee range

Free to £100.00

## How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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In venue

## Venue

Old Town Hall  
Whittaker Avenue  
Richmond  
South West  
TW9 1TP

## Level of study

Beginners

## Course overview

Explore the rise and fall of Napoleon Bonaparte and the complicated legacy he still holds: villain to some, hero to others, and architect of the French state. This course takes you on a journey through Napoleon's rapid rise to power, his dramatic military campaigns, and the changes he brought to Europe. We'll look at his leadership, his impact on society, and the lasting effects of his rule. By examining different perspectives and historical evidence, you'll get a balanced view of one of history's most fascinating and controversial figures.

## Course description

In this course we will explore the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte from General, to one of the leaders of the French Republic, to Emperor in 1804. We will consider the key elements that underpinned his power: the military, his family, and his genius for self-mythology. From a military aspect we will examine some of his most successful campaigns and victories like the Battle of Austerlitz and his Italian campaigns which saw him cast as a second, successful Hannibal crossing the alps to victory. While he was a military man, he also deftly deployed the trappings and imagery of princely splendour and the cultural propaganda of the Empire style. Finally, we will also follow his downfall and losses, particularly his disastrous Russian Campaign of 1812 and his ultimate loss at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. Among the key questions that we will consider is what contributed to Napoleon's success and how his legacy, at the distance of over 200 years, is still very relevant.

## What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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