

France Reading Notes

501-507 The “February” Revolution in France

1. Who was Louis Blanc?
2. What were National Workshops?
3. Who was Lamartine and why was he important?
4. What were the June Days?
5. Why were the June Days important?
6. Who was Cavaignac?
7. Name the four presidential candidates
8. Who was Louis Napoleon?
9. What were the 1849 Assembly election results?
10. Who were the Legitimists?
11. Who were the Orleanists?
12. What happened in the June 1849 Insurrection?
13. What was the Falloux Law 1850?
14. Why was the French Army in Rome?
15. What happened on Dec. 2, 1851?
16. Why did Louis Napoleon become Napoleon III?

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17. Why was Napoleon III able to come to power?
18. What was the job of the Council of State?
19. What was the job of the Legislative Body?
20. Who was Eugenie?
21. What difference did Baron Haussmann make?
22. For what did Napoleon III prefer to be known?
23. What were the ideas of Saint-Simon?
24. What was the job of the Credit Mobilier?
25. What was the job of the Credit Foncier?
26. How much did Railroad Expansion occur in this time period?
27. What did the French do in Suez?
28. What difference did “Limited liability” make?
29. What were Napoleon III views on international trade?
30. How did the French economy perform against Britain once trade barriers were dropped?
31. What is meant by, “The Liberal Empire”?
32. “The Empire Means Peace.” What is meant by this statement?

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33. Over what dispute did the Russians and Turks start fighting in 1853?
34. Why did Napoleon III resent Tsar Nicholas?
35. Why was Piedmont involved in the Crimean War?
36. What were the results of the peace treaty in Paris in 1856?
37. What sort of conflicts occurred at the Congress of Paris in 1856?

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38. What provocative action did Juarez take in Mexico to provoke France?
39. Why did Napoleon send troops to Mexico in 1861?
40. Why did Spain and Great Britain withdraw troops from Mexico?

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41. On what grounds was Napoleon III's foreign policy attacked ?
42. Why did Bismarck welcome war with France?
43. What happened at Ems in 1870?
44. What was the Ems Dispatch?
45. What was the importance of the Ems Dispatch?
46. How did Italy take advantage of the Franco-Prussian War?
47. How did Russia take advantage of the Franco-Prussian War?
48. What happened on September 2, 1870?
49. What happened on September 4, 1870?
50. What happened on January 18, 1871?
51. What were the peace terms ending the Franco-Prussian War?
52. What was the name of the Treaty ending the Franco-Prussian War?

The Third Republic 605-609

53. What were the results of the French elections of February 1871?
54. What was the Paris Commune?
55. What were the numbers on what happened to the Communards after the Republicans defeated them?
56. How did the Bourbon candidate ruin the deal between the Bourbon and Orleanist factions?
57. What mistake did Marshal MacMahon make that established parliamentary primacy?
58. Which groups felt, "a positive aversion to the republic"?
59. What happened with General Boulanger from 1886-1889?
60. What happened in the Dreyfus Affaire?