**The Napoleonic Experience**

1. The author asks, “How did a young Corsican from a minor noble family, whose native language was not even French, become supreme ruler of one of the most important countries in Europe?” What is the answer?
2. How did Napoleon manage to win the favor of the new French regime?
3. Discuss Napoleon’s impact on religion in France.
4. What evidence is there that Napoleon was establishing an authoritarian regime in France?
5. What does the author mean that Napoleon created a “hybrid state”?
6. Why did Napoleon invade Egypt? What happened there?
7. Describe Napoleon’s policy in the East.
8. What was the Continental System? Did it succeed?
9. What was the 100 Days?
10. At the outset of the essay, the author asks, Was he a true son of the Enlightenment who modernized French government and brought the message of equality under the law wherever he went? Or was he an authoritarian military dictator who fought incessant wars and conquered territory in order to maintain his egomaniacal grip on power? Use this essay and any background information to respond thoroughly.