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Material Abstract Form

TITLE *Napoleon and the Napoleonic Wars*

CITATION Marrin, Albert. *Napoleon and the Napoleonic Wars*. Harmondsworth: Viking Penguin Publishers, 1991.

CATEGORY

Servant Leadership **Nonfiction/Biographies** Classic Literature Multicultural Literature

RECOMMENDATION FOR PROGRAM

9th Grade: English World History Perspectives

10th Grade: English **World History** Communications

SUMMARY

"Napoleon and the Napoleonic Wars" is a very well written book following the conquests and troubles Napoleon faced during his rule. IT shows both the perspectives of foreigners and the French themselves and gives a good overview of Napoleons most important acts.

LEADERSHIP STYLES & THEMES

- Styles: Charismatic and Transformational leadership
- Themes: Social change, teamwork, and arrogance/pride.

LEADERSHIP & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS APPLICATIONS

Although the aim of this book is not to teach you how to be a leader or become a better leader, it does expose you to the amazing things a true leader can cause his followers to feel and/or do. It shows the power of charisma and the effect one man can have on the world. This book is very motivational in its own way. I think it would appeal to both males and females. For males, there are descriptions of some relatively bloody battles and bloody anecdotes which the male gender usually finds entertaining. For females, it also gives tales of the wives and children and what they did while following Napoleons Grand Army.

This book would naturally fit very well into the section of 10th grade history on the French Revolution. It adds a little meat to the facts and also creates more interest in what actually occurred. "Napoleon and the Napoleonic Wars" gives both good facts and good information, well worth both a teacher's and a student's time.

STUDENT INTEREST RATING

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CONTEXT QUOTABLES

"Napoleon, however, cared little for his soldier's lives. If he was kind to them, it was for the same reason that a farmer cares for his oxen: to make them serve him better. But he didn't love them. Like anyone else in his empire, soldiers were merely tools to be used-and used up- in achieving his aims. 'Troops,' he explained, 'are made to let themselves be killed.' He used to refer to draftees as 'income,' of which he 'spent' a certain number each month." (152)

This quote truly shows Napoleons character, summarized into one quote. He was a great man, but never a kind one.

COMPLEMENTARY SELECTIONS

McGuire, Leslie. *Napoleon*. New York: Chelsea House, 1986.

Weidhorn, Manfred. *Napoleon*. New York: Atheneurn, 1986.

The Napoleonic Wars spanned 12 years and several major conflicts between Napoleon Bonaparte's militaristically emboldened French Empire and various coalitions of European allies. The period was marked by relentless war and the emergence of large-scale gun use which led to some of history's bloodiest military confrontations. Here are 10 of the key battles. 1. Battle of the Pyramids (21 July 1798). Napoleon's military expedition to Egypt would serve as his springboard to political power. This battle actually took place five years before the Napoleonic Wars are generally considered to have started.