

Knowledge Organiser: How significant was the threat of France to Britain?

<p>This topic investigates the threat posed by an increasingly powerful French empire to Britain throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. You will learn about the key historical events and battles that intensified this threat, ultimately deciding at which point the threat reached its most severe. Our second order concept is SIGNIFICANCE.</p>		Chronology: what happened on these dates?		Vocabulary: define these words.	
		1756 – 1763	The Seven Years War was fought between Britain and France.	Independence	Existing separately from other people or things; an independent nation is not controlled by another country.
Summarise your learning		1781	The British surrender control of America after the War of Independence.	French Revolution	An uprising in France against the monarchy which resulted in the establishment of France as a republic
Topic 1: Why America was a significant cause of rivalry	<p>The continent of North America offered huge colonial opportunities to the British and French empires. They had the largest numbers of settlers there and both wanted to control the most land. This led to the Seven Years War. It ended in 1763 with the Treaty of Paris – this gave French land in American to Britain.</p>	September 1793 – July 1794	The Reign of Terror in France – many French nobles are executed, including King Louis XVI.	Guillotine	A machine with a blade, used to cut off a person's head.
		1804	Napoleon Bonaparte crowns himself emperor of France.	Treaty	A binding formal agreement between two or more countries. Usually takes place after a war.
		1803 – 1815	The Napoleonic Wars are fought as Napoleon looks to conquer Europe.		
Topic 2: Why the French Revolution was significant for Britain	<p>The French support of the Americans during the War of Independence in 1776 led to a raising of taxes in France and inspired the ordinary people that revolution was possible. The overthrowing of the French monarchy led to panic and fear amongst the British nobility and monarchy. They feared that revolution might spread to their country.</p>	21 st October 1805	The Battle of Trafalgar	Threat	When a person or country is likely to cause damage or danger.
		18 th June 1815	The Battle of Waterloo	Trafalgar	Southwest of Spain and the place of an important naval battle.
Topic 3: Why the Royal Navy was significant in the Battle of Trafalgar	<p>Out of the French revolution emerged Napoleon Bonaparte, a seemingly unbeatable military general and eventual emperor of France. His attempt to conquer Europe led to war with Britain. The Royal Navy, commanded by Lord Horatio Nelson was essential in maintaining control of the seas, as seen at the Battle of Trafalgar.</p>	Causes of the French Revolution		Waterloo	A village in Belgium and the place of an important land battle.
				Prussia	An important German kingdom and ally of Britain at Waterloo.
Topic 4: Why the British Army was significant in the Battle of Waterloo	<p>Whilst Britain controlled the seas, Napoleon was conquering the mainland of Europe. The British army prevented his control of Spain and Portugal, pushing him back to France. Napoleon's last stand was at Waterloo in Belgium. The greatest French commander was about to meet Britain's greatest commander, the Duke of Wellington. It ended in Napoleons defeat and exile to St. Helena.</p>			Exiled	Expelled from your home country.
				Significance	Determining how impactful or life-affecting a historical event has been.