

# HIST 405 French Revolution and Napoleon

- Spring 2021 MWF 12:30-1:20, Prof. Walton
- Lectures will provide basic information for the eventful period of 1789 to 1815. Students will read, discuss, and write short papers on documents and works by scholars, and analyze a few films. Assuming identities of historical actors, students will experience democracy by reenacting the National Assembly of 1791, and they will learn from foundational political texts by Rousseau and Burke.
- Topics covered include: popular revolutions of 1789, rights of minorities, Reign of Terror, slave revolts and independence in the Caribbean, changes for families and women, Napoleon as symbol and propagandist, experiences of a soldier in Napoleon's army, the effects of 20 years of war on Europeans
- No prerequisites, no prior knowledge expected or required

