

UNIT 5: The French Revolution and The Age of Napoleon

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The Coming of the French Revolution- Lefebvre
The Anatomy of Revolution: Tentative Uniformities- Brinton
The Age of Democratic Revolution- Palmer

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The Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen
Loaves and Liberty: Women in the French Revolution- Graham

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Dictatorship- Its History and Theory: Napoleon as Dictator- Cobban
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