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Napoleon Bonaparte



Napoleon Bonaparte was born on August 15, 1769 on the island of Corsica into a fairly wealthy family. He attended a military academy in France where he was trained to become an officer in the army.

Napoleon is famous for being fairly short but he was probably around 5 feet 6 inches tall. This was average for the time period in which he lived. Today when someone seems to be overcompensating for being short, they are said to have a “Napoleon

Complex.”

Napoleon’s father died in 1785, so Napoleon returned to Corsica to help his family handle his affairs. While there, Napoleon became involved with a local revolutionary, Pasquale Paoli. He helped him in the fight against French occupation in Corsica. Later Napoleon switched sides and returned to France.

The French Revolution occurred while Napoleon was in Corsica. Many French revolted against King Louis XVI and took control of the country. The royal family and many aristocrats were killed. Napoleon died on May 5, 1821.

1. Napoleon was _____ on August 15, 1769.

2. Napoleon _____ a military academy.

3. Napoleon was _____ to become an officer.

4. Napoleon was famous for being _____.