

<p>1940 <u>Second World War</u></p> <p>After some fighting, the Germans completely defeated France and occupied the country.</p>	<p>2005 <u>Today</u></p> <p>France is a modern rich and powerful country and one of the leaders of the European Union.</p>
<p>1870-1 <u>Franco-Prussian War</u></p> <p>After a short war, Prussia defeated France and occupied Paris. Prussia took some French land.</p>	<p>1918 <u>First World War</u></p> <p>After a long and costly war France and her allies defeated Germany but France lost most of her wealth.</p>
<p>1600 <u>Wars of Religion</u></p> <p>France was split by civil wars between rival Christian groups (Catholics and Protestants). Foreign countries invade.</p>	<p>1700 <u>King Louis XIV</u></p> <p>Louis “The Sun King” ruled over a rich and powerful France. His strong armies invaded other European countries like Germany.</p>

<p>1780 <u>King Louis XVI</u></p> <p>Louis ruled over a weaker and bankrupt France. French people complained about the government.</p>	<p>1795 <u>Early Revolution</u></p> <p>The French have overthrown and executed the King in a violent revolution. Their armies just managed to defeat several foreign armies in 1795.</p>
<p>1810 <u>Napoleon</u></p> <p>Napoleon, a successful general made himself Emperor. French armies conquered or defeated most of Europe.</p>	<p>1815 <u>Defeat of Napoleon</u></p> <p>Napoleon was finally defeated at the Battle of Waterloo. France was now weak and at peace for many years.</p>
<p>1431 <u>France after Joan</u></p> <p>After Joan died, the French started to recover land from the English, winning a series of battles and sieges.</p>	<p>1520 <u>King Francis I</u></p> <p>Francis I made France the most powerful kingdom in Europe.</p>