Napoleon’s Expansion of the French Empire
Why would a leader want to take over other countries or territories?
Napoleonic Wars (1803-1815)

• European countries (monarchies) worried by French Revolution

• Creation of massive army in France
  – Assembled to drive out foreign invaders
  – Discovered they had created the most powerful army in Europe...began to see possibilities
Why Expansion?

- Trade routes
  - Tried to force boycott on trade with British
  - Great Britain
Why Expansion?

• Trade routes
  – Invaded countries who refused to comply
    • Portugal
    • Spain
Why Expansion?

- Wanted to send a message and overcome France’s weak military history
  - Italy
  - Germany
  - Netherlands
  - Belgium
Why Expansion?

- Wanted to send a message and overcome France’s weak military history
  - Russia
Why Expansion?

- Wanted to attain the glory and power of the war heroes and world leaders he read about and studied
Did Napoleon want to expand the French Empire for any of the same reasons as you came up with? Which were the same? Different?
What to study for Thursday’s exam:

• How did Napoleon rise to power?

• What did Napoleon do with his power?
  – Within France?
  – Across Europe?

• Why did Napoleon want to expand the French Empire?

• What led to Napoleon’s fall from power?

• What places were powerful in Napoleon’s life?
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April showers bring...
Political Cartoons

WE’VE DISCOVERED THREE NEW “HABITABLE ZONE” PLANETS JUST LIKE EARTH...

RUN!! DON’T LET THE HUMANS CATCH YOU!!
Political Cartoon Assignment

• Think about...
  – Napoleon and the French Empire
  – The social studies themes
    • Politics/Conflicts
    • Ideas
    • Economics
    • Cultural Development
    • Religion
    • Role of Individuals
    • Science and Technology
    • Environment
    • Local Life

• Design a political cartoon that reflects your ideas about the topic you choose

• You will be graded on:
  – Relevance to Napoleon and/or the French Empire
  – Clarity of ideas

• Due: Wednesday at the beginning of class