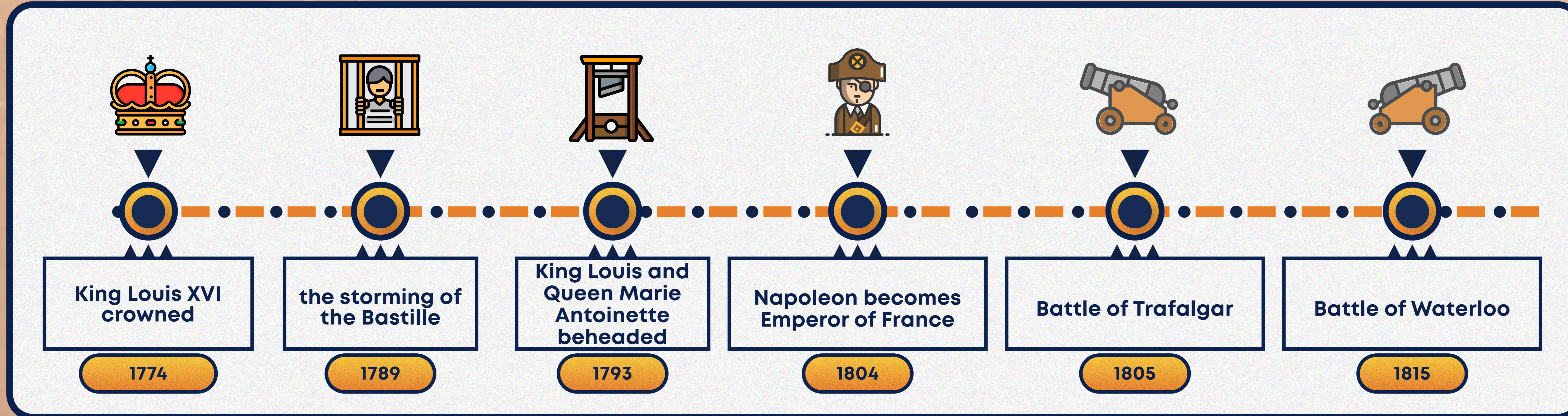


# The French Revolution



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KEY VOCABULARY

revolution

a time when people, ruled or governed by a power, **overthrow that power** and try to change how people live and work

absolute monarchy

when a **king or queen is in complete control** and doesn't need to follow any rules or laws

republic

a country **governed by elected representatives**, not by a king or queen

clergy

people who **have a role within the church**, e.g. Catholic Priest

nobles

**wealthy people** from families who are considered important

debt

a sum of **money that is owed**

exile

when a person is **banned from living in a country**, often used as a punishment

allied

**joined together**, countries sometimes join together to fight in wars

the Bastille

a **prison in Paris** used by the French kings

Battle of Trafalgar

a **battle** that took place off the coast of Spain **between the French and the British** navy: it was won by the British admiral, Nelson, who defeated Napoleon and prevented a French invasion of Britain

Battle of Waterloo

a **battle** that took place in what is now Belgium **between the French and the allied forces of Germany, Britain and Holland**: the Duke of Wellington was victorious, and Napoleon was defeated

KEY PEOPLE



King Louis XVI

crowned King of France in 1774 (an absolute monarch, beheaded in 1793)



Marie Antoinette

became Queen of France when her husband became King (beheaded in 1793)



Napoleon

hugely successful military leader who became emperor of France (died in exile on the island of St Helena)



Horatio Nelson

British admiral in the Royal Navy who defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Trafalgar, preventing an invasion



Duke of Wellington

British army general who defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo