

**France 1795-1804:
From Parliamentary Democracy to Empire**

La Marseillaise

Allons enfants de la Patrie	Arise, children of the fatherland
Le jour de gloire est arrivé !	The day of glory has arrived!
Contre nous de la tyrannie	Against us, the tyranny's
L'étendard sanglant est levé. (bis)	Bloody banner is raised. (<i>repeat</i>)
Entendez-vous dans les campagnes	Do you hear in the fields
Mugir ces féroces soldats ?	The howling of these savage soldiers?
Ils viennent jusque dans vos bras	They are coming into your midst
Égorger vos fils et vos compagnes !	To cut the throats of your sons, your wives!
<i>Aux armes, citoyens !</i>	<i>To arms, citizens!</i>
<i>Formez vos bataillons !</i>	<i>Form your <u>battalions</u>!</i>
<i>Marchons, marchons !</i>	<i>Let us march, let us march!</i>
<i>Qu'un sang impur</i>	<i>May tainted blood</i>
<i>Abreuve nos sillons !</i>	<i>Water our fields!</i>





THE REPUBLICAN CALENDAR

FALL

Vendémiaire

Brumaire

Frimaire

WINTER

Nivôse

Pluviôse

Ventôse

SPRING

Germinal

Floréal

Prairial

SUMMER

Messidor

Thermidor

Fructidor

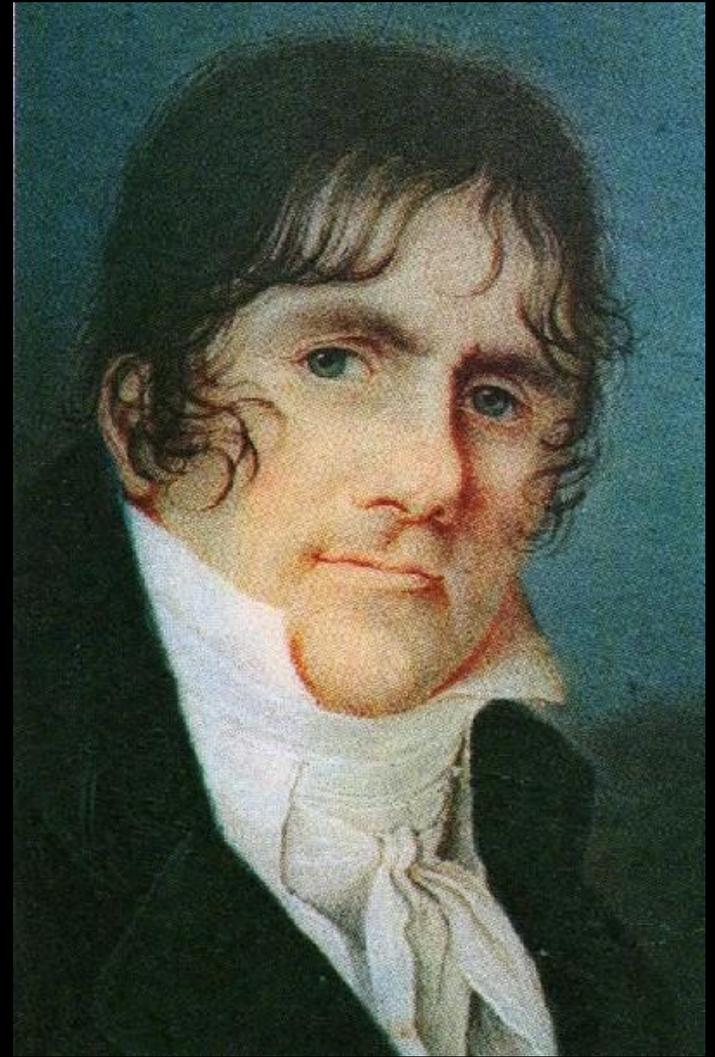


Jean-Baptiste
Regnault,
*Liberty or
Death*, 1795





Vicomte Paul Barras,
Aristocrat and Officer



Paul Barras,
Director



Lazare Carnot
Leading the
Troops into battle
at Wattignies,
October 1793

Jacques-Louis David,
*Portrait of Emmanuel-
Josèph Sieyès*, 1817
(Fogg Art Museum,
Harvard University)



The Constitution of 1795

Legislature: Bicameral; Council of 500 to initiate all legislation; Council of Elders (250, married or widowed, over 40 years old) to pass or reject, but not amend, legislation from Council of 500; 2/3 of first councils to come from previous National Convention; has complete control over treasury and law, and can declare war

Voting: Direct universal male suffrage over 21, but only eligible to vote for representatives to electoral assemblies. These representatives must own or rent property worth 100-200 days' worth of labor (about 60,000 electors). These electors in turn elect the 750 deputies to the two Councils.

Executive: No king; instead a Directory of five members, chosen by the Elders from a list presented by the 500. A new Director each year, so that the entire body would turn over every 5 years. Assembly also chooses ministers, who report directly to Assembly (no Cabinet). Directory could not initiate, make, or veto laws, but only suggest laws to Council of 500; can conduct diplomacy, supervise military, and enforce laws.



Bacler d'Albe, *General Bonaparte in Milan in Year V (1797)*.

Jacques-Louis David,
*Napoleon Crossing
The Alps*, 1801





Jacques-Louis David, Consecration of the Emperor Napoleon I and
Coronation of the Empress Josephine, 1805-1807



Hyacinthe Rigaud,
Louis XIV, 1701



J-A-D Ingres, *Napoleon
Enthroned*, 1806



Portrait of Jean-Baptiste Belley,
by Anne-Louis Girodet, 1798

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