

FRANCE

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Historical Facts

- ✓ 50 BC - Romans invade.
- ✓ 400 AD - The FRANKS, from central Europe settled the area, and gave France its' name.
- 800 AD - CHARLEMAGNE, ruler of the Franks, conquered most of Western Europe.
- France was a monarchy until 1789.
- LOUIS XIV (fourteenth) - The most famous French King.
- 1789 AD - French Revolution.
France ended the monarchy, and became a DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (*elected representatives run the government*).
- 1799 AD—NAPOLEON Conquered most of Europe before he was defeated by allied European armies.
France returned to a Republic after Napoleon's EXILE (*getting kicked out of your native country*).
- 1914 - 1918 World War I.
Much of the war was fought in France.
- 1939-1945 - WORLD WAR II—France again was overrun by the German army.
- 1939-1945 - WORLD WAR II—France was rebuilt following the war with U.S. help under the Marshall Plan.