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Evaluating Napoleon's Key Decisions as Ruler of France

DIRECTIONS: Organizing Information Review and evaluate the list of key decisions Napoleon made as ruler of France. Write those decisions that you think improved France under the heading *Improvements*. Write those decisions that you think caused setbacks for France under the heading *Setbacks*. Be prepared to defend your decisions.

Key Decisions by Napoleon During the French Revolution

1. Reorganized France into uniform political units
2. Brought back leaders of the French Revolution banished by the Directory
3. Canceled festivals that stirred hatred, such as Louis XVI's execution
4. Established a system of national education to produce loyal citizens
5. Established secret police, dictated schoolbooks used, and ideas taught in schools
6. Guaranteed religious freedom and improved relations with the Catholic Church
7. Restricted freedom of speech and the press
8. Balanced the budget and established a fair tax system
9. Reduced women's rights and gave fathers absolute power over the family
10. Made uniform laws (Napoleonic Code), eliminating inconsistent laws from one district to another, and established equality of treatment
11. Changed the constitution to put all the power into the hands of government leaders
12. Enacted laws to help business leaders
13. Allowed poor farmers to purchase the land they worked
14. Used military genius to create France's empire

Improvements	Setbacks