

Fourth Paper Topics

Requirements

1. Please write a three-page paper in response to **ONE** of the topics below. The text should be double-spaced. The paper is due by 2:30 PM on Wednesday, November 30.
2. Your paper must be computer-processed. Please give your paper a title, and write your name on the back of the last page. Do not write your name elsewhere on the paper. All pages should be numbered.
3. Citations to texts read in this course should be made in parentheses in your paper. For example, if you refer to a passage on page 13 of Beik's *Louis XIV and Absolutism*, indicate this in the following manner at the end of your sentence, after the period: (Beik, 13) Full citations to any work not assigned in class should be made in footnote or endnote form.

Topics

1. Was Napoleon the faithful son of the Enlightenment, or a military dictator who fought endless wars only to maintain his hold on power? Respond to this question by considering the evidence found in any two documents that accompany Chapter 9, "The Napoleonic Experience," on the "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" web site (<http://chnm.gmu.edu/revolution>). You may substitute the excerpt we read from the 1804 Code Civil for one of these documents.
2. The year is 1804. Imagine you are one of the following individuals who has just attended the coronation of Napoleon at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris: Pope Pius VII, the English Ambassador, a man or woman grown wealthy through the purchase of *biens nationaux*, a male or female Parisian laborer who had been active politically in the 1790s, or the painter Jacques-Louis David. Write a journal entry in which you record your impressions of the ceremony.