

France republic

The industrial revolution in France was a particular process for it did not correspond to the main model followed by other countries. France's economic growth and industrialisation process was slow and steady along the 18th and 19th centuries.

1852-1870: The Second Empire of Napoleon III, after an authoritarian period moved to a more liberal one. But when Napoleon III was defeated by the Prussian in 1870, the Republic was again proclaimed (4 September 1870) and this was the beginning of the definitive establishment of the Republic in France, especially because the other experienced regime (constitutional monarchy and empire had failed).

Franco-Prussian War (19 July 1870 – 10 May 1871)

Causes: The causes of the Franco-Prussian War are deeply rooted in the events surrounding the balance of power in Europe after the Napoleonic Wars. Otto von Bismarck was keen to bring about the war, noting in his book, after being forced to resign from the role of Chancellor, that "I knew that a Franco-Prussian War must take place before a united Germany was formed." In addition, Otto von Bismarck goaded the French into declaring war by altering a telegram sent by William I. Six days later, France declared war on Prussia.



Result: France was defeated , lost Alsace and Lorraine provinces (important industrial provinces), must paid 5 million francs to Prussia.

Prussians marched to Paris and 18 of January (1871) Germans declared German Empire at Versailles (Paris).

The French Third Republic, (1870-1940), was the governing body of France between the Second Empire and the Fourth Republic. It was a parliamentary republican democracy that was created following the collapse of the Empire of Napoleon III in the Franco-Prussian War. It survived until the invasion of France by the German Third Reich in 1940.

In many ways it was an accidental and unloved republic, that stumbled from crisis to crisis before its final collapse. It was never intended to be a longterm republic at all.

Colonialization

French Colonial empire with 12,3 million km² (25 times the size of France) was the second in the world after Great Britain.

Direction to Far East, Madagascar, Tahiti, Indo-China, China, Northern and Western Africa.

