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Who was defeated at the Battle of Waterloo?

Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica. He was the fourth child of seven. Young Napoleon was a great student of mathematics. Later, at the age of 10, Napoleon joined the military school of Brienne and continued to shine in mathematics. He stayed five years before moving on to the military academy in Paris. Napoleon rapidly moved up the ranks of the military. In 1796, he was made commander of the French army in Italy.

It was 1803 when he was proclaimed emperor of France. Napoleon went on to conquer and control most of western Europe through aggressive military strategies.

After years of military success, Napoleon met disaster in an invasion of Russia. Napoleon's final defeat was at the Battle of Waterloo. After this defeat, he was sent to the island of St. Helena. There he wrote his memoirs, *The Memorial of St. Helena*, where he describes how he wished the world to remember him.

Napoleon is considered one of the greatest military geniuses in history.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Where was Napoleon Bonaparte born?

- a. Wales
- b. Italy
- c. Waterloo
- d. None of the above



2. Napoleon conquered and controlled much of _____.

- a. the Far East
- b. Asia Minor
- c. Western Europe
- d. Africa



3. Which was Napoleon's last defeat?

- a. Battle of Solferino
- b. Battle of Waterloo
- c. Battle of Austerlitz
- d. Battle of Jena



4. Napoleon is considered to be one of the greatest _____.

- a. pacifists
- b. philosophers
- c. scientists
- d. military geniuses

