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HAITIAN REVOLUTION

ABOUT

Emancipation and Civil/Internal Conflicts

The accelerating revolution in France divided loyalties of the various groups fighting in Saint Domingue. Some insurgents like Jean-Francois and Biassou proclaimed loyalty to the embattled French king. White colonists intent on preserving their status and wealth resisted attempts to acknowledge new rights for free people of color granted by the metropole in April 1792. Unwilling to cede power to official representatives of the revolutionary metropole, white, French colonists invited British troops to invade. By 1793, French Commissioner Sonthonax had no choice but to issue an emancipation decree to secure insurgent allies, restore order in the colony, and repel foreign invasion.

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EVENTS

THROUGHOUT 1792

Alternating fights and alliances between whites and free people of color

AUGUST 1792

Biassou allies with the royalists against the new revolutionary government

JUNE 1793

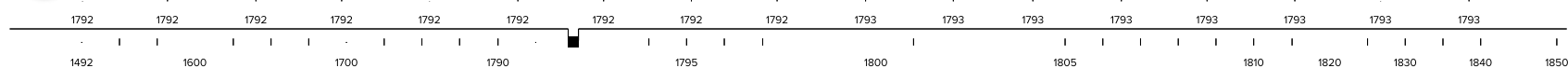
Commissioner Sonthonax arrests and drives out Governor Galbaud with the help of insurgents Pierrot and Macaya

SEPTEMBER 1793

Counter-revolutionary white colonists invite British troops to invade St. Marc

SEPTEMBER 1793

Counter-revolutionary white colonists invite British troops to invade Jérémie



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