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HAITIAN REVOLUTION

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Emancipation and International Conflicts

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In Saint Domingue, the French, Spanish, and British fought for and claimed territory across the western third of the island. Spain ceded all of Santo Domingo to France in 1795 with the Treaty of Basel, but their control had already collapsed when Toussaint Louverture and his 4,000 troops switched their allegiance from the Spanish to the French flag in May 1794. The formerly enslaved, black Louverture was fast-becoming the most significant colonial general on the island. The British departed in 1798, leaving the entire island temporarily free of the threat of re-enslavement.

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