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Louverture's Rise to Power

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Toussaint started out a commander among the northern rebels in late 1791 and 1792. After months of covert aid from Santo Domingo, the insurgents joined the Spanish side against France in 1793. They were led by Jean-Francois and Biassou, but included Toussaint Louverture in their ranks. In May, 1794, Louverture left the Spanish side for the French, while Jean-Francois and Biassou departed with the Spanish for Europe in 1795 after the Treaty of Basel. Louverture became Saint Domingue's top-ranking officer by 1797, negotiating directly with the British and the United States. He won control over the North and West of Saint-Domingue by 1798. In less than five years, he had gone from insurgent to French commander, but some insurgents never recognized French rule and continued to fight through the end of the Revolution.

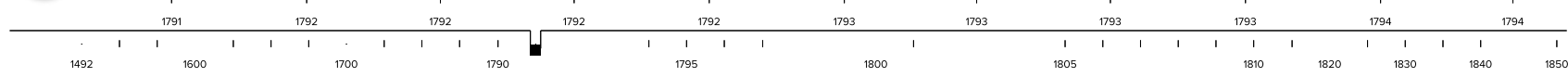
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