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Revolt against Louverture: War of the South: June 1799-July 1800

EVENT TYPES: Battle Revolt ACTORS: André Rigaud Jean-Jacques Dessalines Toussaint Louverture

After the expulsion of the British, the two most powerful leaders in Saint Domingue were Toussaint Louverture and André Rigaud. Louverture ruled over the North and West, while Rigaud ruled an essentially semi-autonomous region in the South. Their civil war (also known as the War of Knives) deepened racial divides between free people of color and blacks and regional divides between the North, West and South. While Louverture faced occasional revolts throughout the North and West, most fighting happened along the border between the Western and Southern Provinces, ending with a deadly four-month siege of Jacmel (defended by Rigaud ally and future Haitian president, Alexandre Pétion). Jean-Jacques Dessalines, a commander under Louverture, controlled the middle of the country. Louverture won the war with his 45,000 troops to Rigaud's 15,000 troops, along with his new temporary ally, the United States and John Adams.

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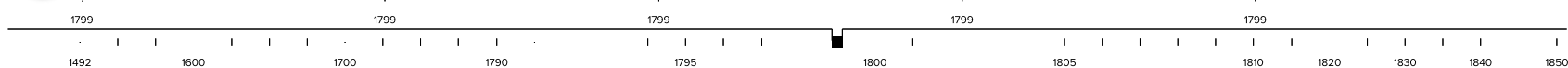
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