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Creation of the Armée Indigène and Haitian Independence

After a brief moment of French control after Louverture's ouster, white troops continued to die en masse from yellow fever, and news of the reinstatement of slavery on other French islands reached Saint Dominigue. With the success of the growing insurgency. Petion, Dessalines, and Christophe defected and joined the rebels, creating the Armée Indigêne (Indigenous Army), an alliance of mixed race and black soldiers represented by the new red and blue Haitian flag. Facing these expensive losses, France sold the Louisiana Purchase to the United States in the spring of 1803. Under Dessalines, the new state took on the Taino name of Ayiti, declared its independence, and created a constitution the following year.

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Dessalines becomes leader of the Armée Indigène

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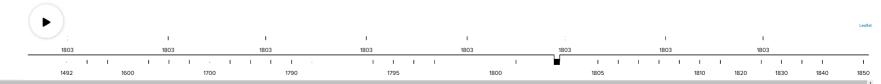
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