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HAITIAN REVOLUTION

ABOUT

Creation of the Armée Indigène and Haitian Independence

After a brief moment of French control after Louverture's ouster, white troops continued to die in mass from yellow fever, and news of the reinstatement of slavery on other French islands reached Saint Domingue. With the success of the growing insurgency, Petion, Dessalines, and Christophe defected and joined the rebels, creating the Armée Indigène (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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EVENTS

MAY 1803
Dessalines becomes leader of the Armée Indigène

OCTOBER, 1803
French leave Port-au-Prince

NOVEMBER 18, 1803
Battle of Vertières

JANUARY, 1 1804
Declaration of Independence



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