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France's attempts to export its 1789 revolution led to war all over Europe and beyond, raising the likes of Nelson and Wellington to the status of national hero as they led the resistance to the ambitions of Napoleon Bonaparte. Their greatest triumphs at Trafalgar and Waterloo have justifiably become major landmarks in British history.

For much of this time the political leader of Britain was the second William Pitt, Pitt the Younger, who had been only 24 years old when he became Prime Minister for the first time. It was Pitt who invented income tax as a democratic means of paying for the French wars and who had also to cope with another rebellion in Ireland (which this time led to union with Great Britain), with another war against Britain's former American colonies and with the problem of a king whose sanity was in serious question.

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