

Discussion Prompts

Napoleon Complex



Here are questions and statements to discuss with your partner. Use details and inferences from the passage to support your ideas. You may jot down notes on this page to remind you of your discussion.

1. Why did Napoleon feel insecure when he was young?
2. What motivated Napoleon to abandon or give up the ideals of the Revolution—liberty, equality, fraternity?
3. Show that Napoleon was a brilliant military leader.
4. Why was the invasion of Austria in 1800 “the most daring the world has ever known”?
5. Name three obstacles Napoleon faced. How did he deal with each obstacle?
6. What is a central idea in *Napoleon Complex*? Use text evidence to support your thinking.