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The Life of Napoleon Bonaparte

Open-Ended Questions Answer Key

1. Napoleon's determination, intelligence, and ability to inspire his troops made him a great leader. His strategic thinking helped him win many battles, and his reforms improved the lives of people in France. These qualities made people trust and follow him.
2. Napoleon's ambition was both a strength and a weakness. It helped him achieve incredible success, like becoming emperor and reforming France. However, it also caused problems, like his disastrous invasion of Russia and eventual defeat. His ambition pushed him to try too much.
3. I might have tried to escape if I believed I could still lead and help my country. However, it would be risky because escaping could lead to more trouble, as it did for Napoleon.
4. We can learn that hard work and determination can lead to great achievements, but overconfidence and taking on too much can lead to failure. It's important to balance ambition with careful planning and knowing when to stop.

