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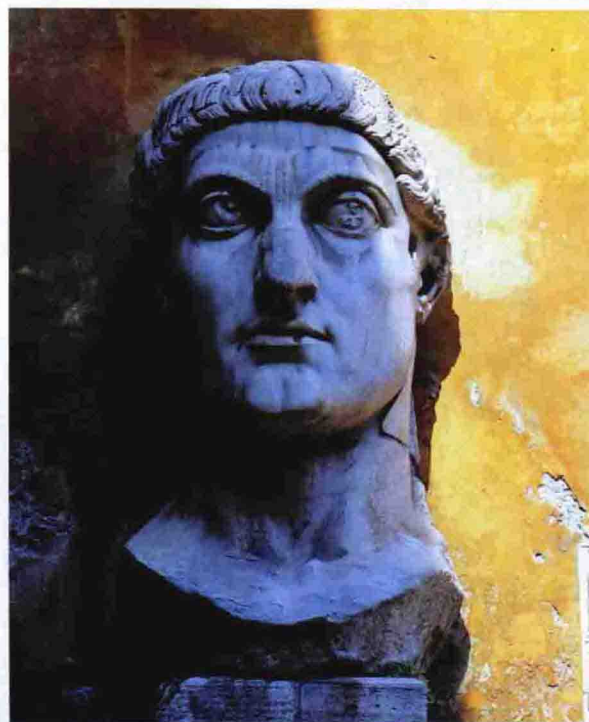
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Greek soldiers: democracy in arms.



Julius Caesar, the model for all Roman emperors and European dictators who came after.



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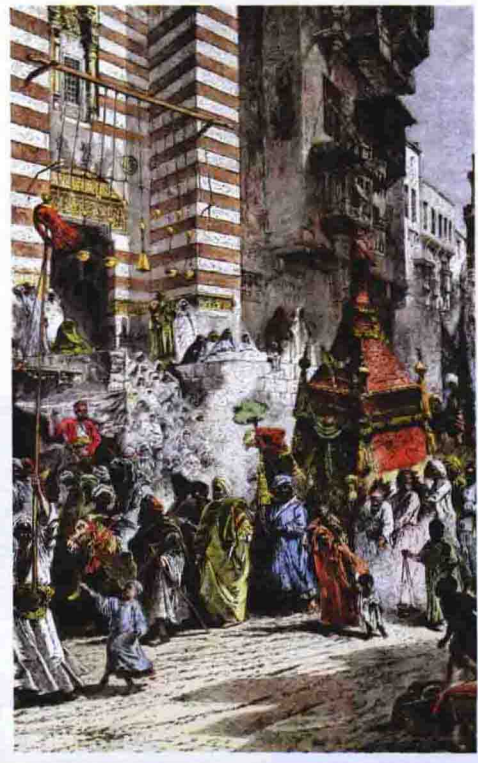


Theodoric the  
Ostrogoth,  
living proof of  
the unfairness  
of labelling  
non-Romans  
'barbarians'.

Charlemagne's  
cathedral  
at Aachen.



King  
Valdemar  
IV Atterdag  
of Denmark  
marches  
in triumph  
through the  
streets of  
Visby, 1361.



The Fall of  
Constantinople  
to the Turks,  
1453.





The Emperor Charles V (also King of Spain, Duke of Burgundy and overlord of the New World).



A group of great religious reformers, including John Wyclif, Jan Hus, Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin.

Wickliff. & Hus. & Lutherus. & Zwingli. -  
Calvinus & Melancthon. & Bucerus & Beza.



Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent as they liked to imagine him in Victorian times.



John Hunyadi, Hungary's Hammer of the Turks.

Pope Paul III. He worked for the reform of the Church and the advancement of his relatives.

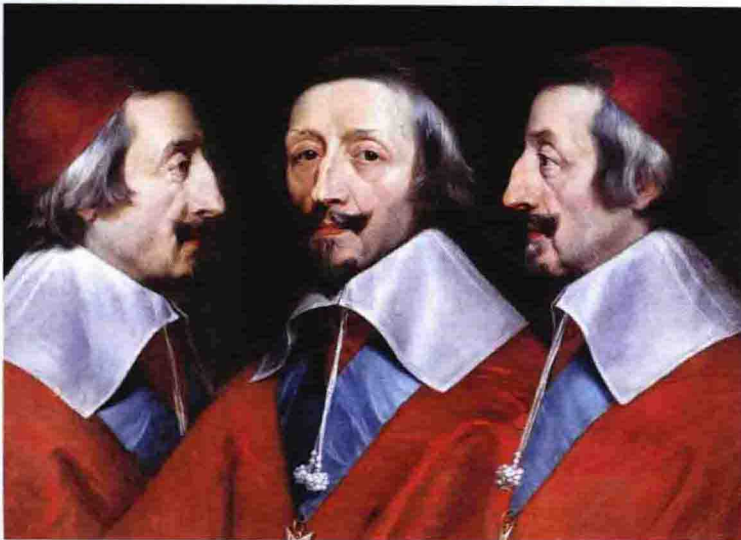


IVAN THE TERRIBLE.

Ivan IV 'the Terrible' of Russia.



Charles XII, Sweden's unpredictable king.



Three views of Cardinal Richelieu, the power behind the throne of France.



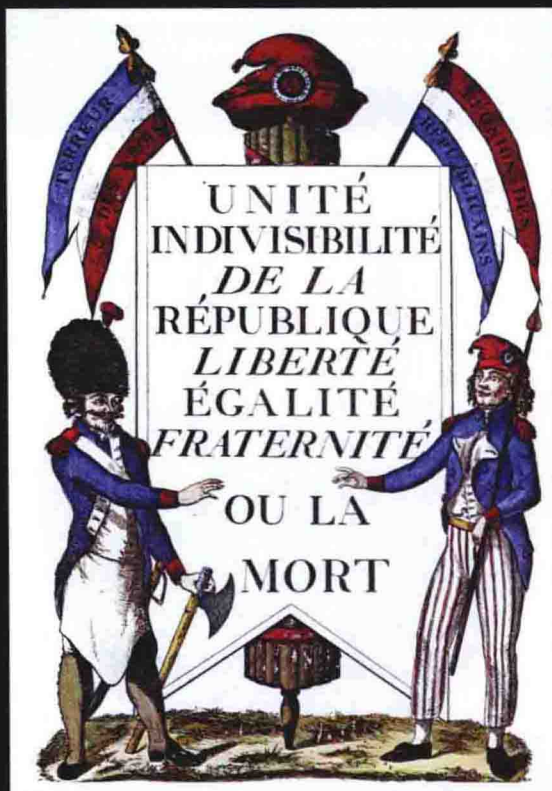
The magnificent Swedish ship *Vasa* returned from the dead.



The golden domes of St Catherine's Palace, St Petersburg – where East faces West.



King Louis XIV of France, absolute monarch and warlord.



The ideals of the French Revolution:  
Liberty, Equality, Fraternity – or Death.



The Emperor Napoleon I proudly remembered in Corsica.



A new order in Europe: the Germans humble the French, 1871.

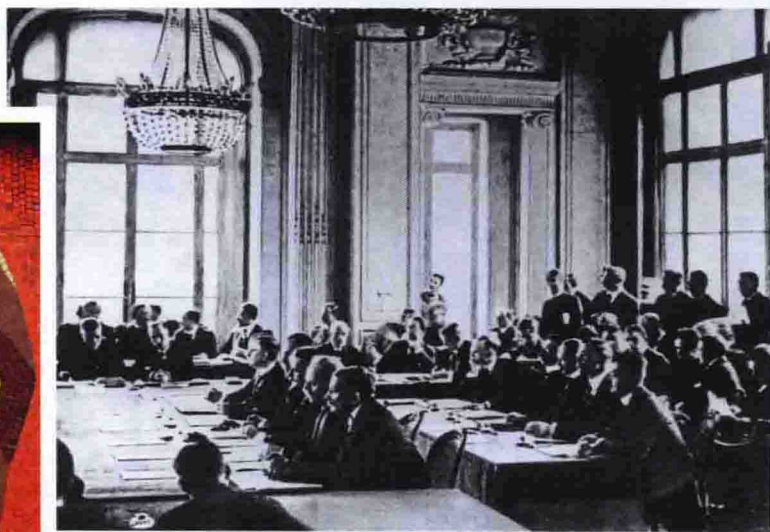
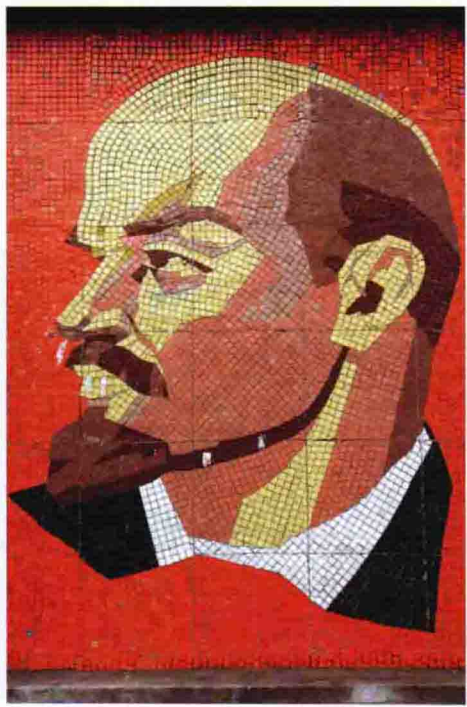


Alexander II, Russia's 'Tsar Liberator'.



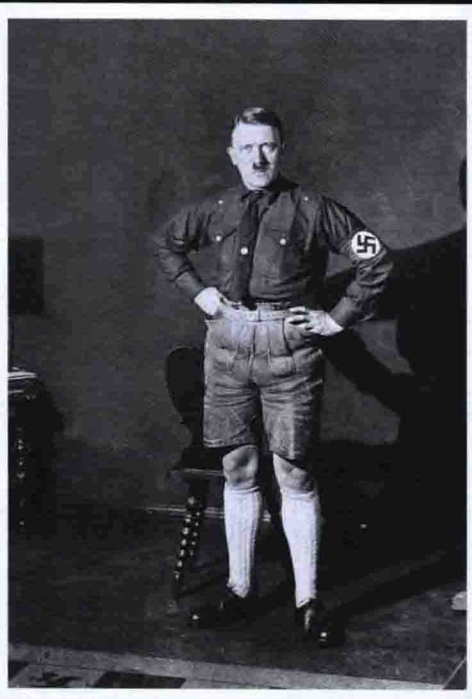
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Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany with Winston Churchill.



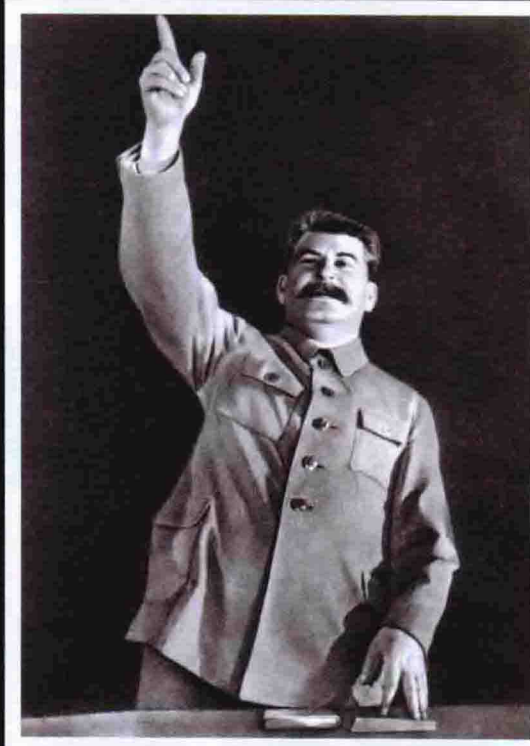


The Peace that Failed, Paris, 1919.

Lenin launches the revolution in Russia  
(in a suitably heroic official painting).



Hitler in lederhosen. He claimed Nazism represented traditional German values.



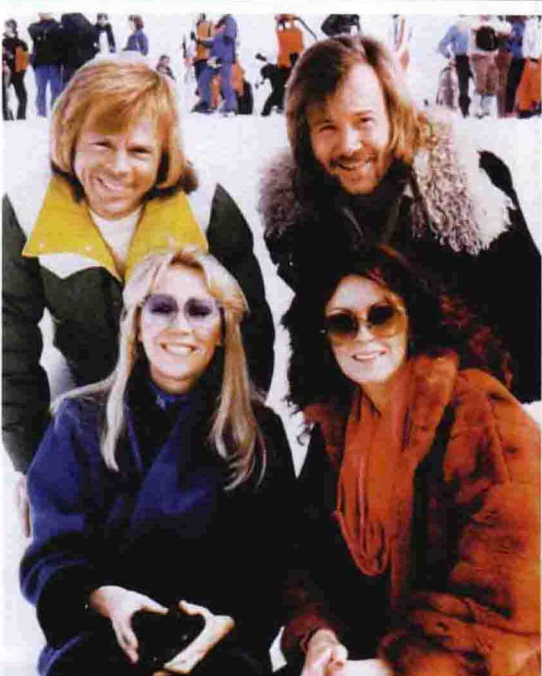
Stalin – statesman, socialist, mass murderer.



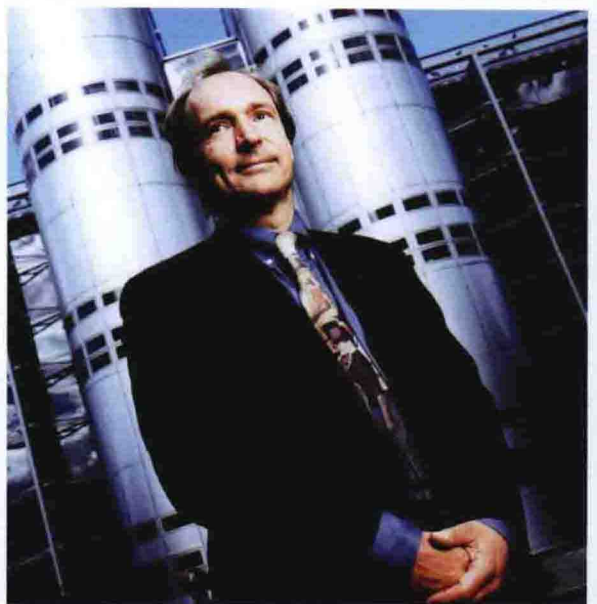


The dream of a generation come true –  
a plaque to show where the Berlin Wall  
used to be and is no longer.

Facing defeat. A German  
soldier in Stalingrad, 1942.



Abba: Sweden's return to European dominance.



Tim Berners-Lee: Europe invents the Internet.

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