Britain And The Defeat Of Napoleon, 1807-1815

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In 1807, Napoleon defeated the Russian army at the Battle of Friedland, ending the Fourth Coalition. In 1809, the War of the Fifth Coalition began when Austria declared war on Napoleon. In the early phases of the war, the Austrians had advantage of the war, but later the French captured Vienna, ending the Fifth Coalition. Meanwhile, the much smaller War of 1812 started between Britain and the United States over maritime issues. It continued until 1815, neither side gaining anything. Revolutions in Latin America made independent states of most of the Spanish Empire in America. 1813-1814: Battle of Leipzig and First Restoration. The British, Spanish, and Portuguese had pushed Napoleon's forces out of Spain following the Battle of Vitoria. An account of the last years of Britain's war against Revolutionary and Napoleonic France. Rory Muir attempts to show the struggle as one in which the entire British nation (the politicians, the press, the crown, civilians, soldiers and commanders) concerted to bring about victory. Muir starts his history in 1807, (why not in 1803 with the collapse of Amiens?) going from the Spanish uprising to the Battle of Waterloo, examining how diplomatic, financial, military and political considerations combined to shape political policies and priorities. The book is based on a detailed investigation.