

New Movie Trailer for 'Napoleon' with Joaquin Phoenix Gets Over 5M Views in 24 Hours




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 An epic feature film about Napoleon Bonaparte, the notorious French ruler who conquered Egypt, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Poland, and Spain, will be available for streaming on Apple TV+ the day before Thanksgiving. *Napoleon* marks a reunion between critically acclaimed filmmaker Ridley Scott and Joaquin Phoenix for the first time since making their award-winning film, *Gladiator*, over two decades ago. On Monday, Sony Pictures released the first official movie trailer, complete with bone-chilling scenes of the ruthless 5'6" military commander during his rise in The French Revolution. The preview also depicts Napoleon overseeing the infamous incident where his soldiers used cannons to shoot the pyramids and the nose off of the Sphinx in Egypt during 1798—although the accuracy of that particular occurrence remains highly contested among historians to this day. In less than 24 hours, the commercial advertisement for the historical drama garnered over 6 million views on Facebook, 2 million views on Instagram, and 1 million views on YouTube.

In the course of his 15-year reign as the de facto leader of the French Republic, Napoleon strategized his country's military tactics in approximately 15 wars. After establishing the wealthiest colony in the Caribbean, Saint-Domingue (which later became known as Haiti), Napoleon's military was later defeated by an uprising of enslaved inhabitants led by Toussaint Louverture during the early 1800s, right around the same time that he sold the Louisiana Territory (present-day Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Wyoming, Arkansas, Montana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, parts of Colorado, Minnesota, and New Mexico) to the United States government. Napoleon passed away about a decade and a half after "The Haitian Revolution" and "The Louisiana Purchase," but his controversial story has remained prevalent in Hollywood and history books across the globe. To this day, there are over 29 countries worldwide that claim French as their official language.

In addition to chronicling Napoleon's military triumphs and political exploits, the upcoming film will also tell the story of his marriage to the former Empress of France, Joséphine Bonaparte.

For Joaquin Phoenix, the November premiere of *Napoleon* will precede the release of the long-awaited sequel to *Joker* next October. The two-time Golden Globe Award winner co-produced *Napoleon* in addition to portraying the lead role in the project.