

# THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

In 1808, **José Bonaparte** was the King of Spain. However, the population of Madrid didn't accept José Bonaparte as the King of Spain, so they decided to rebel against the French and the War of Independence started. The Spanish population fought against José Bonaparte and the French, until 1814 and it ended as **Fernando VII** as the king of Spain.

During the war, in 1812, they wrote the **Spanish Constitution**, also called the constitution of Cadiz. This constitution will limit the King's power, and establish some principles such as: the freedom of expression and the right to vote (for men in the age of 25 years old).

## Questions:

1. What caused the War of Independence?
2. How long did the War of Independence last?
3. How did the War of Independence end up?
4. Who was José Bonaparte?
5. What is the constitution? When was it created?
6. What are the main principles of the Spanish constitution?

