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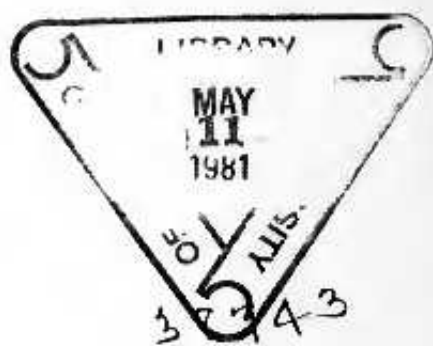
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# A CENTURY OF REVOLUTION

## CHAPTER I

### THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEON, 1789-1815

Europe in 1789—The Revolutionary Period—Napoleon Bonaparte—The War of Liberation and the Settlement of 1815—The Age of Transition—(a) Social and Economic Changes—(b) European Literature and the Romantic Movement.

#### EUROPE IN 1789

##### 1. *The Old Régime*

REPORT has it that Louis XV once said, "Après moi le déluge." In making this historic observation, however, he displayed no very startling powers of prevision, and his reading of the signs of the times might have been endorsed by any contemporary of average intelligence and education. Towards the end of the eighteenth century it must have been quite obvious that Europe had outgrown her institutions and that changes of a radical nature were perforce approaching, although the extreme imminence of the cyclone was perhaps a subject of general miscalculation. She was palpably oppressed by the survival of an obsolete civilization; her organization was still that of the Middle Ages, her society was still impregnated with the ancient principles of Feudalism and Catholicism, and she had not yet discarded practices and conventions which had lost their utility. Her institutions, which collectively are termed the Old Régime, were out of date, since