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## **Battle of Trafalgar - III**

**Lead: In many ways Trafalgar was one of history's most decisive battles. For England it was the beginning of its great century. For Napoleon it was the beginning of the end.**

**Intro.: *A Moment in Time* with Dan Roberts.**

**Content: Author Adam Nicolson believes Trafalgar and its victor Admiral Horatio Nelson provides the student far more than a fine example of naval tactics, but a snapshot of the social, political, economic and military character of Britain and its**

**rivals. Nelson was such a brilliant leader because his men sensed his genuine affection.**

**He couldn't walk in the street without attracting a mob. And most important for his men, he made a life of duty seem rousing, releasing them from the pinch of anxiety by "creating an atmosphere among them in which it felt impossible not to win." (NYTimes Review of Seize the Fire, 9/4/2005)**

**The battle also settled the course of world politics.**

**At the University of Richmond, this**

**is Dan Roberts.**

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