



19TH CENTURY FRENCH NAPOLEON III OIL ON CANVAS PORTRAIT IN GILT FRAME

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Created in France, circa 1860, this oil on canvas painting depicts the Emperor Napoleon III, nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, set in the original gilt frame. The art work is in excellent condition with wonderful rich colors. Napoleon III (1808-1873), was the first elected President of France from 1848 to 1852. When he could not constitutionally be re-elected, he seized power in 1851 and became the Emperor of the French from 1852 to 1870. He founded the Second French Empire and was its only emperor until the defeat of the French army and his capture by Prussia and its allies in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870. He worked to modernize the French economy, rebuilt the center of Paris, expanded the overseas Empire, and engaged in the Crimean War and the Second Italian War of Independence. Measures: 18" W x 21" H.