



**MID-CENTURY FRENCH GILT BRONZE
BUST OF NAPOLEON ON MARBLE BASE
SIGNED AJACCIO**

\$2,400

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Decorate a man's office or study with this elegant antique bust. Created in France circa 1950, and built of bronze, the bust stands on a black granite base and depicts French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte. The work of art is signed on the back Ajaccio. The bronze figure is in excellent condition with wonderful details, and adorns a rich patinated gilt finish. Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821), also known as Napoleon I, was a French military leader and emperor who conquered much of Europe in the early 19th century. Born on the island of Corsica, Napoleon rapidly rose through the ranks of the military during the French Revolution (1789-1799). After seizing political power in France in a 1799 coup d'état, he crowned himself emperor in 1804. Shrewd, ambitious and a skilled military strategist, Napoleon successfully waged war against various coalitions of European nations and expanded his empire. However, after a disastrous French invasion of Russia in 1812, Napoleon abdicated the throne two years later and was exiled to the island of Elba. In 1815, he briefly returned to power in his Hundred Days campaign. After a crushing defeat at the Battle of Waterloo, he abdicated once again and was exiled to the remote island of Saint Helena, where he died at the age of 51. Measures: 5.25" W x 5.25" D x 13.75" H.