Why Do The British Drive On The Left?

The heart is on the left side of the body.

Hundreds of years ago, soldiers fought with swords.

They used shields to protect their hearts.

So, the shields were held in the left hand.

Mind the pronounciation of **sword**: *so:rd*

The sword was therefore held in the right hand.

So, it was natural to **put the sword away on the left side** of the body.

If you have a sword hanging down on the left, which side do you get on a horse from? Not from the right side of the horse.

You always mount a horse form the left-hand side.

So, if you mount a horse form the left-hand side, which side of the road do you stand on? Not the right. You stand on the left-hand side of the road, mount the horse in comfort, and ride away on the left. It's logical.

But why do foreigners drive on the right?

Because of Napoleon!

Translate:

Reiche Leute besassen (own) Pferde und ritten auf der linken Seite.....

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1789 fand die Französische Revolution statt.....

Die reichen Leute verließen das Land. .....

Die Franzosen machten viele neue Gesetze. .....

Diese Gesetze waren anders als vorher. .....

In Frankreich ritt man nun auf der rechten Seite. .....

Napoleon eroberte (conquer) fast ganz Europa. .....

Er brachte den Ländern die neuen Gesetze. .....

England konnte er nicht erobern. .....