

Major Questions

1. What were the basic characteristics of the Renaissance, Protestant Reformation, Scientific Revolution, Commercial Revolution, and the Enlightenment? How did these events change Europe?
2. What are the basic aspects of absolute monarchy? How and why did England differ?
3. Describe the changes in the social structure of Western Europe. Consider the changes in social classes, gender roles, etc.
4. What motivations led to European exploration in the 15th and 16th centuries? What effect did it have on world trade?
5. What factors facilitated the Spanish conquest of the New World?
6. Compare the Spanish and Portuguese colonial empires to the French and British colonial empires. What accounts for these differences?
7. Explain the Columbian Exchange and Triangle Trade. What were their effects on the Old World? the New World?
8. Identify Spanish political, economic, and social policies in New Spain. Compare Spanish policies to the political, economic, and social policies of British North America.
9. Identify and explain the different coercive labor systems used in the Americas.
10. Explain the events leading to the rise of Russia after Mongol occupation.
11. What were the political, economic, social, and cultural policies of Peter the Great and Catherine the Great?
12. Compare the characteristics of the Ottoman, Safavid, and Mughal empires.
13. What were the basic characteristics of African slave trade kingdoms (e.g. Asante)?
14. What factors facilitated the expansion of African slave trade? What was the demographic impact of the slave trade on Africa?
15. What were the African contributions to culture in the Americas?
16. How did the arrival of Europeans alter the Asian sea trading network?
17. Explain the Dutch policy towards trade in the Indian Ocean. How did it differ from Portuguese policy?
18. Identify the political, economic, social, and cultural policies of Ming China and Tokugawa Japan.
19. Explain the policies used by China and Japan to regulate contact with the Europeans.

Key Terms

humanism	Middle Passage
Johannes Gutenberg	plantations
Martin Luther	haciendas
Henry VIII	mita
Counter Reformation	encomiendas
Jesuits	indentured servitude
joint-stock companies	Mateo Ricci
proletariat	Ivan III
bourgeoisie	Ivan the Terrible
mercantilism	ghazi
capitalism	janissaries
Goa	millet system
Batavia	vizier
Manila	Akbar the Great
Bombay	Sikhism
Macao & Canton	Taj Mahal
Nzinga Mvemba	Zheng He
William Wilberforce	Oda Nobunaga
Bartolome de las Casas	Toyotomi Hideyoshi
Seven Years War	Tokugawa Ieyasu
salutary neglect	Manila galleons
Treaty of Tordesillas	
conquistadors	
viceroy	
letrados	
audencias	
sociedad de castas	
mestizo	
mulattos	
peninsulares	
creoles	