

## AP World History Review: Key Terms

### Essential Vocabulary

autocracy  
bourgeoisie  
bureaucracy  
capitalism  
cartel  
centralized government  
city-state  
civilization  
coercive labor  
command economy  
commodities  
communism  
cultural diffusion  
decentralized government  
democracy  
diasporas  
dynasty  
entrepreneurship  
extended family system  
genocide  
hegemony  
infrastructure  
market economy  
mercantilism  
monotheism  
nationalism  
nation-state  
nuclear family system  
patriarchal  
periodization  
polytheism  
proletariat  
secular  
slavery  
social stratification (hierarchy)  
socialism  
specialization of labor  
terrace farming

### Foundations

Abraham  
Alexander the Great  
animism  
Aristotle  
Ashoka  
Augustus Caesar  
bronze & iron metallurgy  
Buddha

caste system  
Confucius  
Four Noble Truths  
Hammurabi's Code  
Han Wudi  
Hellenism  
hunter-gatherers or foragers  
Jesus of Nazareth  
Legalism  
Mandate of Heaven  
Neolithic Revolution  
pastoralism  
Pax Romana  
Qin Shi Huangdi  
scholar-gentry  
Silk Roads

### 600-1450

Bubonic Plague  
caliph  
chinampas  
the Crusades  
Dar al-Islam  
Empress Wu  
feudalism  
Five Pillars of Islam  
footbinding  
flying money  
Genghis Khan  
griots  
Ibn Battuta  
Inca socialism  
Indian Ocean trade  
Justinian  
manorialism  
mita  
monsoon system  
Muhammad  
Neo-Confucianism  
quipu  
Sharia law  
Shintoism  
shogun  
sinification  
Southernization  
split inheritance  
Sufi  
Sunni/Shi'a split  
Trans-Saharan trade

ulama  
Zheng He

### 1450-1750

absolute monarchy  
Akbar  
boyars  
Catherine the Great  
Columbian Exchange  
Commercial Revolution  
creoles  
Divine Right of Kings  
encomienda  
the Enlightenment  
humanism  
janissaries  
joint-stock company  
Louis XIV  
Manila galleons  
Martin Luther  
mestizos/mulattoes  
parliamentary monarchy  
peninsulares  
Peter the Great  
Protestant Reformation  
Scientific Revolution  
triangle trade  
Vasco da Gama  
viceroys

### 1750-1914

caudillos  
emancipation of serfs/slaves  
gens de couleur  
indentured servitude  
industrialization  
Karl Marx & Marxism  
Meiji Restoration  
Muhammad Ali  
Napoleon Bonaparte  
Otto von Bismarck  
Porfirio Diaz  
Simon Bolivar  
Social Darwinism  
spheres of influence  
Toussaint L'Ouverture  
westernization  
zaibatsu

## **1914-Present**

Adolf Hitler  
apartheid  
Archduke Ferdinand  
Ayatollah Khomeini  
Balfour Declaration  
collectivization of agriculture  
fascism  
feminism  
Five-Year Plans  
Fourteen Points  
glasnost/perestroika  
Great Depression  
Green Revolution  
guerilla warfare  
Ho Chi Minh  
IMF/World Bank  
Joseph Stalin  
Little Tigers  
mandate system  
Mao Zedong  
Mikhail Gorbachev  
Mohandas Gandhi  
neocolonialism  
nonalignment movement  
OPEC  
religious fundamentalism  
Schlieffen Plan  
Sun Yatsen  
Third World  
total war  
totalitarianism  
United Nations  
Vladimir Lenin  
World Trade Organization