

*Students will be able to:* ABSOLUTISM TO REVOLUTION

- Identify and explain the characteristics of absolute monarchy with emphasis on Louis XIV.
- Compare/contrast limited to unlimited monarchies. (*England, Parliament, Constitutional Monarchy, and English Bill of Rights*)
- Understand the major beliefs and key contributors of the European Enlightenment, including Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, Rousseau, and Voltaire.
- Analyze the immediate and long term causes of the French Revolution.
- Identify the events of the French Revolution and their lasting impact on France and Europe.
- Describe the most lasting effects of the Napoleonic Era.

*Students will be able to:* NATIONALISM

- Define nationalism and analyze the manner in which nationalism can be both unifying and divisive.
- Explain how European nationalism impacted Latin American independence movements.
- Explain the role of key individuals in the unification in Italy and Germany.

*Students will be able to:* INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

- Explain the shift and improvement in agricultural methods.
- Understand the reasons why the Industrial Revolution began in England and shifted to America.
- Identify new technologies and their effects on industrialization.
- Compare the changes in working and living conditions of workers during the earlier and latter stages of the Industrial Revolution.
- Explain the growth of the middle class, as well as other social and economic effects of the Industrial Revolution on cities.
- Compare and contrast socialism, capitalism, and communism.
- Identify reasons for the growth of labor unions and the impact of government reform.

*Students will be able to:* IMPERIALISM

- Analyze the reasons for European imperialism including economics, social Darwinism, and national glory.
- Identify and explain the key concepts of imperialism including its multiple forms and methods of management.
- Describe the different effects of imperialism on Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- Evaluate the emergence of the concept of a world power through the British Empire.

Students will be able to:WORLD WAR I

- Identify and explain the underlying (or “M.A.I.N.”) causes of World War I.
- Identify the members of the Allied and Central Powers and discuss the chain of events that led to war.
- Discuss the effects of trench warfare and how it contributed to the stalemate on the Western Front.
- Explain the role and effect of new technologies.
- Explain the reasons for and impact of American involvement.
- Identify the major provisions and impact of the Treaty of Versailles.
- Evaluate how events in Russia impacted World War I.
- Trace the development of the new Soviet Union.

Students will be able to:BETWEEN THE WARS

- Identify and explain the causes and effects of the Great Depression on the United States and Europe.
- Assess the impact of World War I and the Great Depression on Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
- Assess the effectiveness of the Treaty of Versailles as a lasting peace.
- Define and explain the key tenets of fascism.
- Compare and contrast the key characteristics of totalitarian governments.

Students will be able to:WORLD WAR II

- Describe the expansionist actions of Germany, Italy and Japan.
- Understand the failure of western powers to stop aggressive dictators through appeasement.
- Identify the members of the Allied and Axis powers and discuss the chain of events that led to war.
- Explain the reasons America entered the war and the impact of American involvement
- Identify Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin.
- Identify and explain the significance of the key events of World War II. (*Battle of Britain, Pearl Harbor, Battle of Stalingrad, D-Day, Hiroshima*)
- Describe the background, course, and consequences of the Holocaust.
- Debate the arguments for and against the use of atomic weapons against Japan.
- Explain the physical, economic, and political effects of the war.

Students will be able to:THE COLD WAR

- Explain how World War II changed the global balance of power, creating the Cold War - a clash between the United States and Soviet Union.
- Understand the importance of a new international organization (U.N.) to maintain peace between competing alliance systems (NATO and Warsaw) and promote global humanitarian principles.
- Describe how the Chinese Communists increased their world power.
- Identify the Korean and Vietnam wars and explain their political, economic and military impact on the Cold War.
- Discuss how the superpowers fought for control of the Third World.

*Students will be able to:* THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

- Identify the factors that led to the establishment of Israel and the subsequent problems this caused.
- Describe and explain the causes that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union.
- Describe the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and the effect on the world today.
- Identify the key economic, environmental, security, and human rights issues facing our global society.