

1750 – 1914 Big Ideas and Discussion Questions

1. What caused this period to be different than previous periods?
2. How did global trade change? What new inventions led to this change?
3. What changes in communication took place?
4. What technological advances occurred? What effects did they have on different cultures?
5. Where did the Industrial Revolution start? What role did it have on the growth of a 2nd wave of Imperialism? Why didn't non-western countries benefit as much as western ones?
6. What migrations occurred during this time period? What were the common reasons for this migration?
7. Why did the Atlantic Slave Trade end?
8. Why did serfdom end in Europe?
9. How did the role of women change during this time period? How did it stay the same?
10. How did events in Europe affect the Latin American independence movements?
11. What were the major revolutions of this period? How were they alike? How were they different?
12. What is nationalism? How did it affect different parts of the world during this time period?
13. How did democracy increase during this time period? Where did it? Where did it not? Who did not benefit from democratic movements?
14. Why did Europe, the United States, and Japan seek colonies during this time?
15. What was the White Man's Burden? How did racism affect imperialism?
16. How was Japan and Europe's industrial revolution similar? How different?
17. Compare the American, French, and Chinese Revolutions.
18. How did the Ottoman Empire deal with foreign domination? How about China, India, and Japan?
19. How did the west intervene in Latin America? Africa?
20. What was the Meiji Restoration?
21. Who were the Jacobins?
22. What was the Boxer Rebellion?
23. What was social Darwinism?