**MOST COMMON THEMES**

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| **Change****Collapse of government:**  **Cuba’s Communist Revolution**  **Chinese Communist Revolution**  **Fall of the USSR****People & Ideas:** **Galileo & heliocentrism (Scientific Rev.)** **Marx & communism**  **Locke & natural rights (Enlightenment)****Nonpolitical:**  **Neolithic Revolution**  **Industrial Revolution** **Political Change:**  **French Revolution**  **Latin American Revolutions**  **Russian Revolution**  **Cuba’s Communist Revolution**  **Chinese Communist Revolution**  **Ending apartheid in South Africa****Other Turning Points:**  **Renaissance** **Black Death** **Protestant Reformation** **The Encounter** (conquistadors/America)  | **Geography****Water - river valley civilizations** **Mediterranean Sea– (Byzantine, Rome)****Island – Japan (resources > imperialism)****Island – Great Britain (industrialization)****Mountains, etc. - China (isolated)****Mountains - Greek city-states****Mountains – terrace farming** |
| **Belief Systems****Buddhism** **Hinduism****Christianity****Judaism****Islam****Confucianism****Animism****Shinto** |
| **Justice & Human Rights****Hammurabi’s Code****12 Tables****encomienda system****Stalin’s collectivization****Holocaust****Apartheid****Rwanda****Tiananmen Square**  |

**OTHER THEMES TO KNOW**

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| **Conflict**CrusadesFrench RevolutionOpium WarSepoy Rebellion Russian RevolutionWorld War I World War II Apartheid in South AfricaPartition of IndiaCold War | **Nationalism**Germany ItalyOttoman EmpireLatin America (independence)Indian independenceSouth African independence | **Imperialism**MongolsConquistadorsJapanEurope > China, AfricaBritish > India |
| **Political Systems**Direct democracyRepublicDictatorFeudalism Communism Absolutism Divine rightFascism | **Economic Systems**Manorialism MercantilismCapitalism Command economy (communism) | **Technology**Printing pressGuns (imperialism)Factory systemsMachine guns (WWI)Atomic bombInternet |
| **Golden Ages/Culture**Pax RomanaPax MongoliaIslamic EmpireRenaissanceEnlightenmentMaya, Aztec, IncaMali | **Cultural Diffusion** Silk RoadTrans-Saharan trade CrusadesColumbian exchangeMansa Musa (Islam) |  **Global Problems/****Modern Issues**Global warming Nuclear weapons UrbanizationOverpopulation Deforestation Desertification |