**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**  Crusades  French Revolution  Opium War  Sepoy Rebellion  Russian Revolution  World War I  World War II  Apartheid in South Africa  Partition of India  Cold War | **Nationalism**  Germany  Italy  Ottoman Empire  Latin America (independence)  Indian independence  South African independence | **Imperialism**  Mongols  Conquistadors  Japan  Europe > China, Africa  British > India |
| **Political Systems**  Direct democracy  Republic  Dictator  Feudalism  Communism  Absolutism  Divine right  Fascism | **Economic Systems**  Manorialism  Mercantilism  Capitalism  Command economy (communism) | **Technology**  Printing press  Guns (imperialism)  Factory systems  Machine guns (WWI)  Atomic bomb  Internet |
| **Golden Ages/Culture**  Pax Romana  Pax Mongolia  Islamic Empire  Renaissance  Enlightenment  Maya, Aztec, Inca  Mali | **Cultural Diffusion**  Silk Road  Trans-Saharan trade  Crusades  Columbian exchange  Mansa Musa (Islam) | **Global Problems/**  **Modern Issues**  Global warming Nuclear weapons Urbanization  Overpopulation Deforestation Desertification |