

European Reading Guide

Heritage of Greece and Rome Pages 644-50

1. What was the geographic setting of the Greek mainland?
2. What ideas did the Greeks use for government that we still use today?
3. What was the Greek philosopher's believe about truth and how did they follow through with this thought?
4. What is the Socratic Method and how is it used today?
5. Who were Plato and Aristotle?
6. Why was Alexander the Great, so great?
7. Where is Alexandria?
8. Who was Julius Caesar and how did his life end?
9. Who was Augustus Caesar?
10. Give two examples of legal practices introduced by the Romans, which are still used in Europe and America today.
11. Give two explanations for the decline of Rome.

Western Europe in the Middle Ages

P 650-656

1. What was the structure of the feudal society?
2. What was the "Middle Ages" between?
3. What role did the Christian Church play during the Middle Ages?
4. Why was there a decline in feudal warfare and how did it benefit the towns?
5. What were the crusades and what were some effects?
6. What was the "black death", Bubonic plague and its effect?

Renaissance

p. 659-664

1. What was the Renaissance spirit?
2. What were three major achievements of the Renaissance?
3. What was the motive behind the Age of Exploration?
4. What was the impact of technology by the mid 1400s?
5. What were the colonial and economic effects of expansion?
6. Who was Martin Luther and what was he fighting against?
7. What were the effects of the Protestant and Catholic "wars"?

Growth of Modern Nations

p. 664-670

1. How did absolute monarchs increase their power?
2. Why did England become a limited monarchy?
3. What ideas did Enlightenment thinkers support?
4. Why was there a revolution in France, and what was the effect?
5. Who was Napoleon and what major change did he make in France?

Industrial Revolution

P. 670-675

1. Explain how the Industrial Revolution began.
2. How did factory systems and the assembly line contribute to the Industrial Revolution?
2. How did the new industrialized world affect people's lives?
3. What was meant by the "Evils of Child Labor"?
4. What types of demands were made for improvements in the new industrial world?
5. Explain the new idea about society of socialism and how Karl Marx felt about this idea.

Europe in the World Wars

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1. What were two main causes of WWI?
2. Explain nationalism:
3. When did WWI begin?
4. Which countries were part of the Central Powers?, Allied Powers?
5. How and when did the war end?
6. What were the effects of WWI in Europe?
7. How did the dictators rise and gain power in Italy and Germany?
8. How did WWII begin?
9. Which countries were the original part of the Allies? Axis?
10. What was the Holocaust?
11. What were some effects of WWII?