

World Cultures Essays 2012-13

Renaissance

1. Discuss 3 characteristics of Renaissance art. In what ways did each characteristic reflect the times?
Use examples

or

2. Select a "rebel" from the Renaissance period and either defend or attack his/her actions.

Enlightenment

1. Identify the characteristics of Absolutism and the Enlightenment and argue which leads to a stronger government.

Industry

1. Would the world be better today if Karl Marx had never advocated the idea of socialism? Communism?

or

2. Agree or disagree with the following statement: The Industrial Revolution had a larger impact on all facets of society than any other event in human history.

Imperialism

1. Overall was western imperialism more beneficial or detrimental to the countries involved? Was it justifiable? Explain.

Nationalism

2. What can Middle Eastern Dictators today learn from the uprisings and revolutions of the late 1800's? How might they better handle the current situation as a result?

World War I-II

1. Given the intentions and moods of all of those involved in the Treaty of Versailles, explain whether or not the treaty could have had a positive outcome by describing the treaty and its outcome.

or

2. Using your understanding of Totalitarian regimes in Europe during the 1930s and 40s, explain how a dictator might rise to power in the United States. Include what conditions must exist as well as tactics used by the individual.

Cold War

What were the Cold War fears of the American people in the aftermath of the Second World War?
How successfully did the American government address those fears?