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	PERIOD 1 RENAISSANCE, REFORMATION, EXPLORATION 1450–1648	PERIOD 2 ABSOLUTISM, ENLIGHTENMENT, REVOLUTION 1648–1815	PERIOD 3 INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, NATIONALISM, IMPERIALISM 1815–1914	PERIOD 4 GLOBAL CONFLICTS, COLD WAR, CONTEMPORARY 1914–present
Key Concept 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing press → spread ideas quickly Italian Renaissance (Petrarch, Valla, etc) Northern Ren more religious, naturalism Scientific thinkers emerging: astro (Galileo), med (Harvey), math (Bacon) Philosophy (Paracelsus, Descartes, More) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absolute Monarchies (James I, Peter the Great, Phillip II, III, IV, Louis XIV) Monarchs challenged → Glory Rev Wars → 7 Yrs, Am Rev, Dutch War French Rev → 99%, Reign of T, Haiti Napoleon → conq Euro, Congress of Vienna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial Rev → GB (had coal, private industry, and gov't support) Spread → Fr, Prussia, US, Ger E & S Euro serfdom delayed IR Second IR → factory sys, electric, chem, railroads, radio, monopolies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total war, political instability → polarization, transnational WWI → losses and disruptions Paris Peace Conf, ideal vs. punish Fascism, nationalism, racism → WWII Cold War, COMECON, Warsaw Pact World systems, alliances (NATO, WTO)
Key Concept 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protestant Ref (Luther, Calvin) Catholic Ref in response State religious reforms (Henry VIII) Conflicts (Huguenots challenged monarchy, Habsburgs restored Catholicism to fight off Ottoman expan) Relig pluralism = peace (Poland, Dutch) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global market expanded Putting out sys led to ↑ laborers Market Econ → free trade, ↑ supply Euro dominated markets, mercantil slave trade ↑, food ↑, population ↑ Rivalries → vied for influence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IR → middle class, trade unions Huge pop ↑, crowded cities Cult of domesticity for bourgeois Wages ↑ = better working class life ↑ consumerism bc mass marketing Some places = famine (Irish, Russian) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European state conflict (relation of individual and the state) Democracy, communism, fascism Russian Rev, Marxist-Leninist GD (econ weak, debt, policy) Soviet Union: Stalin, repress totalitarian, econ modern, collapse
Key Concept 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploration for gold, god, and glory Mercantilist policies promoted dev New tech (compass, horses, guns) Portug, Span, GB, FR, Dutch → colonies Competition = Conflict Euro dominance → slave trade expand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enlightenment (salons, coffeehouse) Sci Rev applied to ppl (Voltaire) Ideas → Political (Locke, Rousseau), Econ (Smith), Religion (Diderot) Led to ↑ literacy, spread of ideas Romanticism, Baroque, Neoclassic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IR → new challenges → revolutions Liberals = pop sov (Bentham, Mill) Conserv = trad author (Metternich) Socialist = redistribution (Marx) Nationalist (loyalty to nation) Zionism ↑ bc growing antisem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intellect, cultural move (object know, truth, religion + morals, progress) Science and tech + and - Military tech → genocide, nuclear Immigration ↑ Europe, relig debate Postmodernism, existentialism
Key Concept 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capitalism → new elites (gentry, nobles) Subsistence agriculture continued Agr commercial = Price Rev (enclosures) Family effects = delay marriage & kids Communal leisure, public humiliation, witchcraft accusations peaked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food ↑, disease ↓ bc of medicines Consumer Rev → leisure, privacy Infant mortality ↓, focus on child Cities = job opportunities, new health issues, policing, poverty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concert of Euro → maintain status quo Revs of 1848 → liberal reforms Crimea, Bismarck, Russian Rev ('05) Italian & Ger unification, realpolitik Alliance system, tensions in Balkans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Econ ↑, social reform, free + just Suffering (war, genocide) + improve WWI → lost gen, cynicism, democracy Women: war, feminism, vote, edu, work Transnational, globalization, sustainable Baby boom, mass product, domestic
Key Concept 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central monarchies (tax, army, justice) Oligarchical influence of wealthy patrons (Medici) Peace of Westphalia → decline of HRE New concepts of states (Machiavelli) Competition ↑ = Eng Civil War, balance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motives & methods → imperialism → Africa & Asia Social darwinism to justify imperial New tech & comm & meds = strengthened Euro global empires West edu → nat'l mvmts India, Japan 	

Dates to Know: 1455 Printing Press // 1492 Columbus // 1517 Protestant Rev // 1555 Peace of Augsburg // 1598 Edict of Nantes // 1600 Dutch East India Co // 1648 Treaty of Westphalia // 1688 Glorious Rev // 1688 Eng Bill of Rights // 1763 End 7 Yrs War // 1776 Am Rev // 1789 French Rev // 1799 Napoleon // 1815 Congress of Vienna // 1848 Liberal Revs // 1861 Unification of Italy // 1861 End Russian Serfs // 1871 Unification of Germany // 1884 Berlin Conference // 1905 Russian Rev // 1914-1918 WWI // 1939-1945 WWII // 1989 Berlin Wall Collapse // 1991 Soviet Union Collapse // 1992 Maastricht Treaty