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**European History**

**STUDY GUIDE**

1. Why did Europeans want to explore the world?

**They wanted to find a new trade route to Asia that was shorter and less expensive. They also wanted to avoid the Muslims in Asia/Middle East**

1. What were the 3 causes of the Age of Exploration?

**God (spread Christianity), Gold (find wealth and resources), Glory (gain fame)**

1. Who began a School of Navigation?

**Prince Henry the Navigator**

* 1. What European country was he from?

**Portugal**

1. Which explorer discovered the “New World”?

**Christopher Columbus**

1. Which country had such a large empire that it was called the “Empire on which the sun never sets”?

**Great Britain**

1. What was the Columbian Exchange?

**An exchange of goods, ideas, resources, and people between Europe, Africa, and the Americas**

* 1. What was shipped from Europe to the New World?

**Horses, Weapons, Products/Goods, Culture, Diseases**

* 1. What was shipped from the Americas back to Europe?

**Natural Resources and Crops**

* 1. What was shipped from Africa to the Americas?

**Slaves**

1. What were the 4 main causes of World War I?

**Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, Nationalism**

1. Who was assassinated in June 1914, eventually causing World War I?

**Archduke Franz Ferdinand**

1. When did World War I end?

**November 11, 1918**

1. Which document officially ended World War I?

**Treaty of Versailles**

* 1. List 4 requirements of this treaty:
     + **Germany had to accept full responsibility**
     + **Germany had to pay reparations**
     + **Germany had to give up parts of its land and colonies**
     + **Germany had to limit their military**

1. Which country had a revolution in 1917, forcing them to leave World War I?

**Russia**

* 1. Which leader was overthrown and eventually killed?

**Czar/Tsar Nicholas II**

* 1. Which country was formed after the revolution?

**Soviet Union**

* 1. Who was the leader of the new country?

**Vladimir Lenin**

1. What is an economic depression?

**When business is very bad, there is high unemployment, and prices go up**

1. Who became Chancellor of Germany in 1933?

**Adolf Hitler**

1. What was the Holocaust?

**Mass murder (genocide) of Jews and other groups**

1. What is appeasement?

**Policy of giving in to another country to avoid a conflict or war**

1. What led to World War II beginning in 1945?

**Hitler came to power, appeasement, Germany breaks treaty of Versailles, invades Poland in 1939**

1. What happened to Germany after the end of World War II?

**Germany and Berlin were divided into 4 occupation zones**

1. Which two countries were the “Superpowers” of the Cold War?

**Soviet Union and the USA**

1. What was the Cold War?

**Time of tension (not real fighting) between the USA and Soviet Union**

1. Who was Josef Stalin?

**Leader of the Soviet Union at the start of the Cold War**

1. Which two things represented the division between Communism and Democracy in Europe during the Cold War?

**Berlin Wall and Iron Curtain**

1. Which country was reunified in 1990?

**Germany**

1. What event symbolized the end of the Cold War?

**The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989**

1. When did the Cold War end?

**1991 when the Soviet Union disbands**