

The Fearsome Fourteen: Essential Questions of European History

How did the history of Europe shape the modern world?

1. How did Europe look economically, socially, and politically during the Middle Ages? ^{Unit 1}
2. To what extent did the Renaissance challenge the medieval mindset and give birth to the modern mind? ^{Unit 1}
3. How did the Reformation challenge and affect European society and political life? ^{Unit 2}
4. Evaluate the successfulness of the various European monarchies at subjugating the nobility and creating a modern state. ^{Unit 3}
5. How did Scientism become the dominant source for truth in western society? ^{Unit 4}
6. Analyze the various Enlightenment ideals that laid the foundation for a Democratic Revolution in western history. ^{Unit 4}
7. How do you explain the onset of the French Revolution? ^{Unit 5}
8. Evaluate the successfulness of the Congress of Vienna diplomats at establishing and preserving their goals. ^{Unit 6}
9. To what extent did the drastic changes wrought by the Industrial Revolution affect Europe economically, socially, and, politically? ^{Unit 7}
10. Could wiser politicians have prevented the outbreak of World War I? ^{Unit 8}
11. To what extent was Lenin able to achieve a Marxist Revolution in a country without a Proletariat? ^{Unit 8}
12. Evaluate the role the Treaty of Versailles played in creating the economic, social and political environment that culminated in WWII? ^{Unit 9}
13. Account for the development of the European Union and state your predictions for its future? ^{Unit 10}

Unit Topics

- Unit 1: Renaissance Civilization
- Unit 2: The Reformation and Its Wars
- Unit 3: Monarchical Revolution
- Unit 4: Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment
- Unit 5: French Revolution
- Unit 6: Napoleon and Congress of Vienna Europe
- Unit 7: The Industrial Revolution
- Unit 8: The Nation-States and World War I
- Unit 9: Interwar Europe and World War II
- Unit 10: Europe: 1950 to the Present