

HISTORY 12 - EXIT INTERVIEWS

During your **five minute** interview, I will be asking you one question: ***What were the three most influential and significant events of the 20th Century that we studied this semester?*** You must be able to talk about the events you have chosen in order to prove why they were so influential and important. Within your answer you need to be able to show your growth in the skills we have been developing throughout the course – ***Knowledge of Skills, Critical Thinking, Use of Sources, and Oral Communication***. You also need to show through your answer that you understand the key aspects, people and outcomes of the event. You will not have a lot of time to answer this question and develop upon it, so you will need to be able to pack a lot of knowledge and information into answering it in a short-period of time. You will have your completed portfolios in front of you during the interview; however you will not have a lot of time to flip through them looking for answers. ***During the interview I will be looking for how much knowledge you gained throughout the course, but also your growth in the area of Critical Thinking.***

Below are some questions that may help guide your preparation for the Interview.

Your Interview Time is: _____

Unit 1 – Treaty of Versailles

1. How did the goals of the allied nations at the Paris Peace Conference lead to future conflicts in the 20th century?
2. Which countries were born out of the idea of self-determination set forth by President Wilson in his 14-points? How would these new countries lead to problems in Europe during the 1930's?
3. How did the Treaty of Versailles and the mandate system lead to problems in the Middle East in the 1940's?

Unit 2 – Rise of Communism in the USSR

1. Explain how the Soviet Union changed their economy from being based upon communism to being based upon some capitalist ideas between 1918 and 1939.
2. What was the Cult of Stalin and how did this idea help solidify his power in the Soviet Union?

Unit 3 – USA Road to War

1. What is isolationism, and was the US able to consistently follow this policy during the Inter-war Period?
2. What was a cause of the Great Depression and how did FDR try to deal with this issue?

Unit 4 – Rise of Fascism

1. What is the idea of "Cult of Personality" and how did Hitler or Mussolini use this to gain power and influence in Europe?
2. During what event did Hitler try to seize power illegally in 1923?
3. How did the Reichstag Fire allow Hitler to consolidate his power in Germany?
4. Name one of Hitler's Henchmen and explain what war crime he was responsible for.

Unit 5 – WWII

1. How was WWII a war based upon discrimination?
2. Hitler was fighting two wars, both against the allied countries and people he considered "undesirable", what evidence is there that Hitler was more concerned with the latter by 1945?
3. What was one of Hitler's mistakes during WWII and why?
4. Name one of the turning point battles during WWII and explain how this battle helped to turn the tide of the war for the allies.
5. What were some of the war crimes that the allies perpetrated during WWII?

Unit 6 – Cold War

1. To what extent was the Cold War about image?
2. What was the Domino Theory, and how did President Truman try to deal with it?
3. What is a client war and how does the Korean War fit into this category during the Cold War?
4. What was the Red Scare and who was seen as the face of it?
5. What was considered to be the climax of the Cold War and what was the result for both Kennedy and Khrushchev?

Unit 7 – China

1. Was Mao good for China? Explain.
2. What did the Long March accomplish for Mao?
3. What caused the Sino-Soviet Split?

Unit 8 – Middle East

1. How did the Balfour Declaration upset both Jews and Palestinians?
2. What was the Zionist movement and how did it lead to the successful creation of the state of Israel?
3. Who won the 6-Day War and why?
4. Why was OPEC created and what does it do?
5. What is the PLO and what has been some of the events they were a part of?

Units 9 & 10 – Escalation and Détente/End of Cold War

1. What was the US folly in Vietnam?
2. What was the Great Society and who were some of the people involved in helping to establish it in the US?
3. What two policies did Gorbachev introduce in the USSR, and how did these lead to its downfall?
4. Which war was the Soviet Union's Vietnam and why?