Topic Choices

1. How did the effects of the Renaissance shape the 16th and 17th century societies in at least one country in northern and one country in Southern Europe
2. What are the causes of the decline in religious zeal throughout the 15th through 20th centuries? Be sure to identify key events and figures that lead to this decline and back up your argument with evidence.
3. How did the reformation alter the economic, social, and political situation of the Holy Roman Empire?
4. How did religious upheaval in England bring about a constitutional monarchy? Be sure to discuss the time period between Henry VIII and George I. It would be best to focus on the relationship between religion and the powers of a monarch.
5. How did ethnic diversity in the Balkans lead to conflict in the region in the 19th and 20th century, be sure to discuss the failure of the Yugoslavian state.
6. Describe how the scientific and chemical revolutions altered the social and economic lives of Europeans in the 18th and 19th century.
7. Describe how two to four major art movements between the 16th and 19th century are reflective of the social movements of the time periods. Be sure to give specific examples and include print out of your art movements in an annotated bibliography.
8. Describe the effects of 19th century European imperialism on the economies and societies of two countries in Europe.
9. Compare and contrast 18th century absolutism and 20th century totalitarianism. Be sure to use two states from each time period. Discuss the economic, social, and political differences.
10. Describe the factors of why Scandinavia was not able to unite and become a world power. Be sure to discuss how the rise of Russia affected this.
11. Describe the political and social effects of the French Revolution on Eastern and Central Europe.
12. Describe the rise and fall of Spain in the 16th and 17th century. Be sure to discuss the economic and political reasons for this.
13. How did either the 1st or 2nd industrial revolutions change the social fabric of Europe? Be sure to discuss at least one country in Eastern and one country in Western Europe.
14. Describe the causes and effects of decolonization on Europe. Be sure to discuss how this influenced the Cold War.
15. Was Napoleon a champion of the ideals of the enlightenment or did he betray them? Be sure to back up your conclusion with concrete facts.
16. Choose your own