Human Origins in Africa

Terms and Names

artifact  Remains, such as tools, jewelry, and other human-made objects

culture  People’s way of life

hominid  Human or other creature that walks upright

Paleolithic Age  Old Stone Age

Neolithic Age  New Stone Age

technology  Ways of applying knowledge, tools, and inventions to meet needs

Homo sapiens  Species name for modern humans

Before You Read

In this section, you will read about the earliest humans.

As You Read

Use a diagram to list the advances of the hominids discussed in the section.

SCIENTISTS SEARCH FOR HUMAN ORIGINS (Pages 5–7)

How do scientists learn about early humans?

People can learn about the past by using written records. But these records cover only the last 5,000 years or so of human life. To learn about the time before written records, scientists called archaeologists use special skills and tools.

Archaeologists work at places called digs. They uncover artifacts: tools, jewelry, or other things made by people. Archaeologists also dig up bones—the bones of ancient humans and of the animals that lived with them. Some of these bones have become fossils, meaning they have survived over time because they were preserved in stone. By studying bones and artifacts, scientists learn about the culture, or way of life, of early humans.

In the early 1970s, archaeologists in East Africa found the footprints of humanlike beings, called australopithecines. Humans and other creatures that walk upright, such as australopithecines, are called hominids. These footprints were made about 3.5 million years ago.

Because these early beings walked upright, they could travel long distances more easily than four-footed ones. They could also use their free arms to carry food, tools, and children. They also had an opposable thumb that could move across the palms of their hands and touch their other fingers. The opposable thumb allowed them to pick up and hold objects.

1. What were the first humanlike beings, and where were they found?
THE OLD STONE AGE BEGINS (Pages 7–8)
What advances did hominids make during the Stone Age?
Humans made important advances during a period called the Stone Age, when people used tools made of stone. At this time, they also began to use fire and learned to speak.

Scientists divide the Stone Age into two parts. The Paleolithic Age, or Old Stone Age, began about 2.5 million years ago and lasted until about 8000 B.C. The Neolithic Age, or New Stone Age, went from about 8000 B.C. to around 3000 B.C.

Much of the Old Stone Age overlapped the Ice Age, when the earth was colder than it is now. Huge sheets of ice—glaciers—covered much of the land. About 10,000 years ago, the earth’s temperature increased. The ice sheets grew smaller. People began to roam wider stretches of land.

In East Africa, archaeologists found a hominid fossil they named Homo habilis. It means “man of skill.” The fossil was given this name because the site also held tools made of lava rock. Homo habilis lived about 2.5 million years ago.

About 1.6 million years ago, another kind of hominid lived. This one was Homo erectus. Homo erectus began to use tools for special purposes. That is when technology began. Homo erectus dug for food in the ground, cut meat from animal bones, and scraped animal skins. Homo erectus also used fire and may have had spoken language.

2. Who were Homo habilis and Homo erectus?
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THE DAWN OF MODERN HUMANS; NEW FINDINGS ADD TO KNOWLEDGE (Pages 8–13)
Who were the Neanderthals and Cro-Magnons?
Many scientists believe that Homo erectus eventually developed into humans, or Homo sapiens.

Scientists once thought that Neanderthals were ancestors of modern humans but no longer do. These hominids appeared 200,000 years ago. They lived in caves or built shelters of wood or animal skins. At one time, they were thought to be rough and wild people. Now scientists think that they may have held religious beliefs. These people found ways to survive the freezing cold of the Ice Age. About 30,000 years ago, though, the Neanderthals strangely disappeared.

About 10,000 years before these people vanished, the Cro-Magnons appeared. Their bodies were just like those of modern people. Scientists think that these people worked with one another in planning large-scale hunts of animals. They may have also had more skill at speaking than did the Neanderthals. Because they had these skills, the Cro-Magnons were better at finding food. That may explain why Cro-Magnons survived and Neanderthals did not.

Scientists are continuing to work on many sites in Africa. New discoveries continually add to what we know about human origins.

3. How is the species Homo sapiens different from earlier hominids?
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Humans Try to Control Nature

**Terms and Names**

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<td>hunter-gatherer</td>
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<td>Neolithic Revolution</td>
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**Before You Read**

In the last section, you read about the earliest humans. In this section, you will read about the development of agriculture and a settled way of life.

**As You Read**

Use an outline to organize the section’s main ideas and details.

**EARLY ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY AND ART**

(Pages 14–15)

**What advances occurred in technology and art?**

The first humans had faced a struggle for survival. For thousands and thousands of years, they had two concerns: finding food and protecting themselves. They used fire, built shelters, made clothes, and developed spoken language. These areas of life are all part of culture. Human culture changed over time as new tools replaced old and people tested new ideas. Later some modern humans increased the pace of change.

The people who had lived in the early part of the Old Stone Age were **nomads**. They moved from place to place. They were **hunter-gatherers**.

They found food by hunting and gathering nuts, berries, and roots. The Cro-Magnon people, who came later, made tools to help them in their search.

These early modern humans used many tools—more than 100 different ones. They used stone, bone, and wood. They made knives, hooks, and bone needles.

Cro-Magnon people also created works of art, including paintings. Thousands of years ago, Stone Age artists mixed charcoal, mud, and animal blood to make paint. They used this paint to draw pictures of animals on cave walls and rocks.

1. In what ways did Cro-Magnon people change human culture?

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**THE BEGINNINGS OF AGRICULTURE** (Pages 15–16)

**What was the Neolithic Revolution?**

For centuries, humans lived by hunting and gathering. Humans lived in small groups of 25 to 70 people. They often returned to a certain area in the same season each year because they knew it would be rich in food at that time.

Over the years, some humans realized that they could leave plant seeds in an area one year and find plants growing there the next year. This was the beginning of a new part of human life: farming.

Scientists think that the climate became warmer all around the world at about the same time. Humans’ new knowledge about planting seeds combined with this warmer climate to create the **Neolithic Revolution**—the agricultural revolution that occurred during the Neolithic period.

Instead of relying on gathering food, people began to produce food. One early farming method was **slash-and-burn farming**. That meant cutting trees and burning them to clear a field. The ashes were used to fertilize the soil.

Along with growing food, they also began to raise animals. They tamed horses, dogs, goats, and pigs. **Domestication** is the taming of animals.

Archaeologists have studied a site in the northeastern part of modern Iraq. It is called Jarmo. The people who lived in this region began farming and raising animals about 9,000 years ago.

2. How did life change during the Neolithic Revolution?

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**VIllages Grow and Prosper** (Pages 16–18)

**How did the growth of farming villages change life?**

People began to farm in many spots all over the world. The study of one village in modern-day Turkey shows what early farming communities were like.

The village called Catal Huyuk grew on the good land near a river. Some workers grew wheat, barley, and peas. Others raised sheep and cattle. Because these workers produced enough food for all the people, others could begin developing other kinds of skills. Some made pots out of clay that they baked. Others worked as weavers. Some artists decorated the village. Archaeologists have found wall paintings that show animals and hunting scenes. They have found evidence that the people had a religion, too.

Early farming villagers had problems, too. If the farm crop failed or the lack of rain caused a drought, people starved. Floods and fires caused damage and death. With more people living near each other than before, diseases spread easily. Still, some of these early villages grew into great cities.

3. What problems did early farming villages face?

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VILLAGES GROW INTO CITIES
(Pages 19–20)

What changed as villages grew into cities?

Over time, farmers developed new tools—hoes, sickles, and plow sticks. These helped them grow even more food. They decided to plant larger areas of land. The people in some villages began to irrigate the land, bringing water to new areas. People invented the wheel for carts and the sail for boats. These new inventions made it easier to travel between distant villages and to trade.

Life became more complex as the villages began to grow. People were divided into social classes. Some people had more wealth and power than others. People began to worship gods and goddesses that they felt would protect their crops and make their harvests large.

1. How did life become more complex?

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<td>record keeping, and improved technology</td>
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<td>specialization</td>
<td>Development of skills in a specific kind of work</td>
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<td>artisan</td>
<td>Skilled worker that makes goods by hand</td>
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<td>institution</td>
<td>Long-lasting pattern of organization in a community</td>
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<td>scribe</td>
<td>Professional record keeper</td>
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<td>cuneiform</td>
<td>Wedge-shaped writing developed in Sumer</td>
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<td>Bronze Age</td>
<td>Time when people began using bronze</td>
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<tr>
<td>barter</td>
<td>Trading goods and services without money</td>
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<td>ziggurat</td>
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Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the development of agriculture and a settled way of life.

In this section, you will read about factors leading to the rise of civilizations.

As You Read

Use a chart to summarize characteristics of the civilization at Sumer.
**HOW CIVILIZATION DEVELOPS**  
*Pages 20–21*

**What makes a civilization?**

One of the first civilizations arose in Sumer. It was in Mesopotamia, between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers of modern Iraq. A civilization has five features.

First, a civilization has advanced cities that contain many people and serve as centers for trade.

Second, civilizations have specialized workers. Specialization is the development of skills needed for one specific kind of work. Skilled workers who make goods by hand are called artisans.

Third, civilizations have complex institutions. Government, organized religion, and an economy are examples of complex institutions.

A fourth feature of civilizations is record keeping, which is needed to keep track of laws, debts, and payments. It also creates the need for writing. Scribes were people who used writing to keep records. Cuneiform, which means “wedge shaped,” was a form of writing invented in Sumer.

Fifth, civilizations have improved technology that can provide new tools and methods to solve problems.

Sumer had all the features of a civilization. One of the new technologies in Sumer was making a metal called bronze. The term Bronze Age refers to the time when people began using bronze to make tools and weapons.

2. Name the five features of a civilization.

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**CIVILIZATION EMERGES IN UR**  
*Pages 22–23*

**What was civilization like in Ur?**

One of the early cities of Sumer was named Ur. The city was surrounded by walls built of mud dried into bricks. Ur held about 30,000 people. Social classes included rulers and priests, traders, craft workers, and artists.

Farmers outside the city walls raised the food for them all. Some workers dug ditches to carry water to the fields. Officials of the city government planned all this activity.

Inside the city, metalworkers made bronze points for spears. Potters made clay pots. Traders met people from other areas. They traded the spear points and pots for goods that Ur could not produce. This way of trading goods and services without money is called barter. Sometimes their deals were written down by scribes.

Ur’s most important building was the temple. Part of the temple was a ziggurat, a pyramid-shaped structure. Priests there led the city’s religious life.

3. What social classes existed in Ur?

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City-States in Mesopotamia

Terms and Names

Fertile Crescent  Arc of rich farmland in southwest Asia between the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea

Mesopotamia  The land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers

city-state  Political unit much like an independent country
dynasty  Series of rulers from a single family
cultural diffusion  New ideas spreading from one culture to another
polytheism  Belief in many gods
empire  Peoples, nations, or independent states under control of one ruler
Hammurabi  Babylonian ruler famous for his code of laws

Before You Read

In the last chapter, you read about the earliest humans and the first civilization.

In this section, you will learn more about early civilization in a part of Mesopotamia called Sumer.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify Sumer’s environmental problems and solutions.

GEOGRAPHY OF THE FERTILE CRESCENT (Pages 29–30)

What problems did the Sumerians face?

There is an arc of rich land in Southwest Asia that is called the Fertile Crescent. Two of its rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates, flood in the spring. This flooding leaves rich mud, called silt, in the plain between the rivers. Because of this, many thousands of years ago humans began to settle in that plain, known as Mesopotamia. They grew wheat and barley. It was here that the first civilization began.

About 3300 B.C., the Sumerians moved into this region and settled. They faced three problems. First, the floods were not regular, and once they passed, the hot sun quickly baked the land into clay. Second, the small farming villages had no protection against enemies. Third, the area lacked stone, wood, and metal to use for tools.

The Sumerians solved these problems. They dug irrigation ditches from the river to their fields so they could bring water to their crops. They built walls of baked mud around their villages for defense. Because they could grow more food than they needed, they traded the extra for stone, wood, and metal from other lands.

1. How did the Sumerians solve the problems they faced?

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SUMERIANS CREATE CITY-STATES (Page 30)

**How did the Sumerians govern?**

Several large city-states were at the center of the Sumerian world. These city-states had control over a surrounding area. They could act independently, much like a country does today. Slowly, some people rose to power in a number of the city-states. They became rulers, as did their children after them. Rule of an area by the same family is called a dynasty.

As population and trade grew, Sumerians came into contact with other peoples. Their own ideas affected others. The Sumerians also got ideas from other cultures. This process of spreading ideas or products is called cultural diffusion.

2. Who governed the city-states?

SUMERIAN CULTURE (Pages 31–32)

**What did the Sumerians believe and accomplish?**

The Sumerians believed in polytheism, or many gods. Each god had power over different forces of nature or parts of their lives. Sumerians believed that people were just the servants of the gods. Souls of the dead went to a joyless place under the earth’s crust. These views spread to other areas and shaped the ideas of other peoples.

Society was divided into social classes. At the top were the priests and kings, after whom came wealthy merchants. Next were workers in fields and workshops. Slaves made up the lowest level. Women could enter most careers and could own property. But there were some limits on them.

The people of Sumer invented the sail, the wheel, and the plow. They were the first to use bronze. They also developed the first writing system—on clay tablets. They invented arithmetic and geometry, which they used to help build large structures.

3. How was Sumerian society organized?

THE FIRST EMPIRE BUILDERS (Pages 32–34)

**Who built the world’s first empire?**

Centuries of fighting between the city-states made the Sumerians weak. In 2350 B.C., the conqueror Sargon defeated Sumer and captured other cities to the north. He built the world’s first empire. An empire brings together several peoples, nations, or previously independent states. It puts them under the control of one ruler.

A few hundred years later, a different group of people conquered the Sumerians. These people built a capital at Babylon, establishing the Babylonian Empire. They were led by a king named Hammurabi. He is famous for his code of laws. It was a harsh code that punished people for wrong doing. However, it also made it clear that the government had some responsibility for taking care of its people.

4. Why was Hammurabi’s Code important?
Early River Valley Civilizations

Pyramids on the Nile

Terms and Names

delta Marshy area at the mouth of a river
Narmer King of Upper Egypt who united Upper and Lower Egypt
pharaoh Egyptian ruler thought of as a god
theocracy Government in which the ruler is considered to be a divine figure
pyramid Resting place for Egyptian kings after death
mummification Process by which a body is preserved after death
hieroglyphics Egyptian writing system
papyrus Plant used to make a paper-like material

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the city-states that arose in Mesopotamia.

In this section, you will learn about early civilization along the Nile.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to summarize Egyptian achievements.

THE GEOGRAPHY OF EGYPT
(Pages 35–37)

What was the key feature of early Egypt’s geography?

Another civilization arose along the banks of the Nile River of East Africa. The Nile flows to the North, toward the Mediterranean Sea. It, too, floods each year. The waters leave rich soil on the river banks. There the people of ancient Egypt grew food and began to build their own culture. They worshiped the Nile as a life-giving god.

For many centuries, the people of Egypt lived in two kingdoms, Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt. Upper Egypt extended north from the Nile’s first area of rapids, or cataracts, to the Nile delta. The delta is a broad, marshy, triangular area of rich land. Lower Egypt began here and continued north to the Mediterranean, just 100 miles away.

1. How did the Nile create boundaries?

EGYPT UNITES INTO A KINGDOM
(Pages 37–38)

Who ruled the kingdom?

About 3000 B.C., the king of Upper Egypt, Narmer, united the two kingdoms. In the years between 2660 and 2180 B.C., the basic marks of the culture of Egypt arose. Ruling over the land was the pharaoh. He was not only a king but was also seen as a god. A government in which a ruler is seen as a divine figure is a theocracy.
Pharaohs believed they would rule the land after their death. So these kings built themselves magnificent tombs. The tombs were huge pyramids made out of massive limestone blocks.

2. Why did pharaohs build pyramids?

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EGYPTIAN CULTURE; INVADERS CONTROL EGYPT
(Pages 38–41)
What were the features of Egyptian culture?

Egyptians believed in many gods and in an after-life. One god, they thought, weighed the hearts of each dead person. Hearts judged heavy with sin were eaten by a beast. Good people, with featherweight hearts, would live forever in a beautiful Other World. To prepare for this, Egyptians preserved a dead person’s body by mummification. This kept the body from decaying.

The pharaoh and his family were at the top of Egyptian society. Below them were people of wealth who owned large amounts of land, the priests, and members of the government and army. Then came the middle class—merchants and people who worked in crafts. At the bottom were the peasants. In later times, the Egyptians had slaves. People could move from one rank of society to another. Those who could read and write held important positions.

The Egyptians, like the Sumerians, developed a way of writing. In their writing system, hieroglyphics, pictures stood for sounds or ideas. The pictures could be put together to make words and sentences. At first they wrote on stone. Later they began to make a kind of paper from the papyrus plant. The Egyptians invented a system of written numbers and a calendar. Their calendar had 12 months, each of which had 30 days. They were famous in the ancient world for their ideas in medicine.

After 2180 B.C., the pharaohs lost power. Egypt went through a time of troubles. Then strong rulers once again took control. They ruled for four centuries until a group of Asians called the Hyksos arrived in horse-drawn chariots. The land fell to these invaders in 1640 B.C.

3. How was Egyptian society organized?

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Planned Cities on the Indus

**Terms and Names**

- **subcontinent**: Land mass that is a distinct part of a continent
- **monsoon**: Seasonal wind
- **Harappan civilization**: Ancient settlements in the Indus River Valley

**Before You Read**

In the last section, you read about the development of culture along the Nile.

In this section, you will learn about the first civilization in India.

**As You Read**

Use a chart to draw conclusions about Indus valley civilizations.

**THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT (Pages 44–45)**

**What is a subcontinent?**

South Asia—modern India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh—is a sub continent. It is separated from the rest of Asia by tall mountains. Just below the mountains are two large plains that hold the Ganges and Indus rivers. The high mountains gave the people safety from invaders. Because they lived close to the sea, the people could travel over the water to trade with other peoples.

The people along the Indus River faced many of the same challenges that the people in Mesopotamia did. Their river flooded each year and left soil good for farming. But the floods did not occur at the same time each year. Also, the river sometimes changed course. The region’s weather caused problems, too. Each winter, strong winds blew dry air across the area. Each spring, the winds brought heavy rains. These seasonal winds are called **monsoons**.

**CIVILIZATION EMERGES ON THE INDUS; HARAPPAN CULTURE (Pages 46–48)**

**What were cities like on the Indus?**

Historians cannot understand the writings of the people who settled in the Indus Valley. So, they have not learned much about these people. They do know that they were farming along the river by about 3200 B.C. The culture is called **Harappan civilization** because many discoveries were made near the city of Harappa. They also know that the culture of these people covered an area larger than either Mesopotamia or Egypt.

About 2500 B.C., these people began building their first cities. In Mesopotamia, cities were a jumble of winding streets.
In the Indus Valley, however, the builders carefully planned their cities. They made a grid of streets. They built an area called a citadel that was easy to defend. All the important buildings were here. They also had systems for carrying water and sewage.

Because the houses were mostly alike, scholars think that the Indus culture did not have big differences between social classes.

These early people left an important mark on the region. Some religious objects include symbols that became part of later Indian culture. Historians also think that the people of the area had extensive trade with people in the region and with the people of Mesopotamia.

2. Name two conclusions that have been drawn about Harappan civilization.

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MYSTERIOUS END TO INDUS VALLEY CULTURE (Page 49)

How did Indus Valley culture end?

Around 1750 B.C., the cities began to show signs of decline. The Indus Valley civilization collapsed around 1500 B.C. Satellite images suggest a shift in the earth’s crust that caused earthquakes. Because of the quakes the Indus River may have changed its course. This would stop the good effects of the yearly floods. The people may have overworked the land. This would have left the soil too poor to produce crops.

3. Name two reasons why Indus Valley civilization may have ended.

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River Dynasties in China

Terms and Names

loess  Fertile soil
oracle bone  Animal bone used by ancient Chinese priests to communicate with the gods
Mandate of Heaven  Divine approval of the ruler
dynastic cycle  Pattern of rise, fall, and replacement of dynasties
feudalism  Political system in which nobles or lords are granted the use of lands that belong to the king

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about Indus Valley culture.

In this section, you will learn about the earliest cultures in China.

As You Read

Use a time line to identify major events in early Chinese dynasties.

THE GEOGRAPHY OF CHINA

(Pages 50–51)
How did geography affect China’s past?

China’s geography caused it to develop apart from other cultures. A great ocean, huge deserts, and high mountains isolate China from other areas. The mountains did not protect China totally, however. People living to the north and west invaded the land many times during Chinese history.

There are two rich rivers within China—the Huang He and the Yangtze. Almost all the good farmland in China lies between these rivers. The Huang He deposited huge amounts of silt when it overflowed. This silt is fertile soil called loess. The Chinese people also made use of the flood waters of these rivers.

1. Why did China develop apart from other cultures?

CIVILIZATION EMERGES IN SHANG TIMES (Pages 51–52)
What was the Shang Dynasty?

A few thousand years ago, some people began to farm along China’s rivers. About 2000 B.C., the first dynasty of rulers brought government to China.

Around 1500 B.C., a new dynasty, the Shang, began to rule. This dynasty left the first written records in China. Objects found in their palaces and tombs also tell us much about their society. Chinese people built their buildings of wood, not mud-dried brick as the other early cultures did. Huge walls made of earth surrounded these buildings to protect them. The walls were needed because it was a time of constant war.
The king and the nobles who helped him fight these wars were at the top of Shang society. At the bottom was the mass of peasants who lived in simple huts outside the city walls. They worked hard on the farms, using wooden tools because the Shang believed that bronze was too good to be used for farming.

2. What were three features of Shang culture?

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**THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE CULTURE (Pages 52–54)**

*What beliefs shaped Shang society?*

Shang society was held together by a strong belief in the importance of the group—all the people—and not any single person. The most important part of society was the family. Children grew up learning to respect their parents.

The family played a central role in Chinese religion, too. The Chinese thought that family members who had died could still influence the lives of family members who were alive. They gave respect to dead members of the family, hoping to keep them happy. The Shang also asked for advice from the gods. They used oracle bones to do this. These were animal bones and shells.

The Chinese system of writing differed from those of other groups. Symbols stood for ideas, not sounds. This allowed the many different groups in China to understand the same writing even though each had a special spoken language. The written language had thousands of symbols, however. Only specially trained people learned to read and write.

3. Name three important values of Shang culture.

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**Zhou and the Dynastic Cycle** *(Pages 54–55)*

*What is the Mandate of Heaven?*

About 1027 B.C., a new group, the Zhou, took control of China. They adopted Shang culture. They also started an idea of royalty that was new to China. Good rulers, they said, got authority to rule from heaven. This was known as the **Mandate of Heaven**. They claimed the Shang rulers were not just and had lost the favor of the gods. That is why they had to be replaced. From then on, the Chinese believed in divine rule. However, it also meant that disasters such as floods or war pointed to a ruler that had lost the support of the gods and needed to be replaced. Until the early 1900s, the Chinese had one dynasty after another. This pattern of rise, fall, and replacement of dynasties is known as the **dynastic cycle**.

The Zhou gave members of the royal family and other nobles the rights to large areas of land. They established feudalism. Feudalism is a political system in which the nobles owe loyalty to the king. The nobles promise to fight for the rulers and to protect the peasants who live on the land.

Eventually the Zhou rulers lost all power. The nobles fought each other for control of China in a period called the “time of the warring states.” It lasted many hundred years. The Chinese people suffered during this time.

4. Name two important changes brought about by the Zhou.
The Indo-Europeans

Terms and Names

- Indo-Europeans: Group of Asian peoples who migrated to many different places
- steppes: Dry grasslands
- migration: Movement of people from one place to another
- Hittites: Group of Indo-European peoples who occupied Anatolia
- Anatolia: Large peninsula in modern-day Turkey
- Aryans: Group of Indo-Europeans
- Vedas: Sacred literature of the Aryans
- Brahmin: Priest
- caste: Class
- Mahabharata: Poem that tells the story of a great war

Before You Read

In the last chapter, you read about peoples who built civilizations in the great river valleys.

In this section, you will learn about the movements of two groups of people who lived on the grasslands of Asia.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to record some of the languages that stem from Indo-European.

INDO-EUROPEANS MIGRATE

Who were the Indo-Europeans?

The Indo-Europeans were a group of peoples who came from the steppes—the dry grasslands of western Asia. The Indo-Europeans rode horses and tended cattle, sheep, and goats. They spoke many different languages, but all of them came from the same original language.

For some reason, starting about 1700 B.C., the Indo-Europeans began to leave their homeland. They moved into some of the settled areas and began to conquer them. These migrations, movements of people from one region to another, took place over a long period of time.

1. What happened to the Indo-Europeans?

THE HITTITE EMPIRE

Who were the Hittites?

The Hittites were Indo-European peoples. They rode two-wheeled chariots and used iron weapons to conquer Anatolia.
Anatolia is also called Asia Minor. It is a huge peninsula in modern-day Turkey. The Hittites moved farther and took the ancient lands of Mesopotamia. When they moved to the south, they ran into the Egyptians. Neither side was able to defeat the other. So, they decided to make peace.

The Hittites adopted many features of the culture that had grown in Mesopotamia before they arrived. They changed others to suit their own ideas. Their laws, for instance, were less harsh than the code of Hammurabi. The Hittites ruled their Southwest Asian empire from about 2000 to 1190 B.C. Then they fell to a new wave of invaders.

2. How did the Hittites react to the culture they found in Mesopotamia?

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ARYANS TRANSFORM INDIA
(Pages 63–65)
Who were the Aryans?

The Aryans were another group of Indo-European people. They moved into what is now India and transformed it. They first captured the land of the people of the Indus Valley. Archaeology tells almost nothing about the Aryans. But their sacred literature, the Vedas, tells a lot about them.

The Aryans were divided into three classes of people. There were priests (Brahmins), warriors, and peasants or traders. They viewed the non-Aryans living in the area as a fourth class. Over time, they made many rules for how people in these classes, or castes, could interact with one another. People were born into their caste for life. Some “impure” people lived in a group outside this class system. They were butchers, grave diggers, and trash collectors. Because they did work that was thought unclean, they were called “untouchables.”

Over many centuries, the Aryans took more and more of what is now India. Eventually many powerful people tried to create their own kingdoms. They fought each other until one kingdom, Magadha, won control over almost all of India. Around this time, an epic poem, the Mahabharata, was written. It tells of the blending of cultures at the time. It also sets down ideals that were to become important in Hindu life.

3. What is the caste system?

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Hinduism and Buddhism Develop

Terms and Names

reincarnation  Belief that the soul is reborn
karma  Good or bad deeds
Jainism  Religion that teaches that every living creature has a soul and no living creature can be harmed
Siddhartha Gautama  Founder of Buddhism
enlightenment  Wisdom
nirvana  Buddha’s word for release from selfishness and pain

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the Hittites and the Aryans.

In this section, you will learn about the roots of Hinduism and Buddhism.

As You Read

Use a Venn diagram to compare the beliefs and practices of Buddhism and Hinduism.

HINDUISM EVOLVES OVER CENTURIES (Pages 66–68)

What is Hinduism?

Hinduism is a collection of religious beliefs that forms no one system. Unlike many religions, it was not founded by only one person. It is a religion that allows great variety for its followers. Certain ideas became common to the beliefs of all Hindus.

Hindus believe that each person has a soul. However, there is also a larger soul, called Brahman, that brings together all the individual souls. A person’s goal is to become free of desire and not bothered by suffering. When that takes place, the person’s soul wins escape from life on Earth. Hindus believe in reincarnation. They believe the soul is born again into another body after death. In the next life, the soul has another chance to learn its lessons. According to Hindus, how a person behaves in one life has an effect on the person’s next life. This is the soul’s karma—good or bad deeds.

Another religion that arose in India was Jainism. It was started by Mahavira, a man who lived from about 599 to 527 B.C. He believed that every creature in the world—even an animal—has a soul. Because of that, people must be sure not to harm any creature. Today, Jains take jobs that are certain not to hurt living things.
As with Hinduism, the Buddha taught that the soul would be reborn into a new life. This chain of new lives would continue until the soul, like Buddha, reached understanding.

These ideas attracted many followers. Many people who lived in the lower classes of Indian society saw these ideas as a chance to escape from the limits placed on them. This teaching also spread in southern India. There the Aryans did not have much influence. Some followers took the ideas to other lands.

In the centuries after Buddha’s death in 483 B.C., Buddhism appeared in Southeast Asia. Later it was carried to China and then to Korea and Japan. Merchants and traders played an important role in spreading the religion. Strangely, in India where Buddhism was founded, the religion faded. Many places that are important to Buddhism remain in India, however. Buddhists from around the world come there to visit locations connected to the life of Buddha.

2. Name four basic beliefs of Buddhism.

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THE BUDDHA SEEKS ENLIGHTENMENT (Pages 68–71)
What is Buddhism?

Another new religion, Buddhism, arose about the same time as Hinduism and Jainism. Buddhism has millions of followers all around the world. It was started around 528 B.C. by Siddhartha Gautama.

Siddhartha searched for a way that would allow him to escape the suffering of human life. He spent many years searching for this answer. He was looking for enlightenment, or wisdom. Finally, he sat down and meditated under a tree. After 49 days, he had his answer. He was now called the Buddha, which means the “enlightened one.”

The Buddha began to teach others how to attain enlightenment. They were to follow a plan of behavior called the Eightfold Path—right views, right resolve, right speech, right conduct, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration. This would lead to nirvana, or a release from selfishness and pain.

1. Name three Hindu beliefs.

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Seafaring Traders

Terms and Names

**Minoans** Group of powerful seafaring people

**Aegean Sea** Sea between modern-day Greece and Turkey

**Knossos** Minoan capital city

**King Minos** King of Knossos

**Phoenicians** Most powerful traders along the Mediterranean

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about major religions that developed in India.

In this section, you will learn about traders whose influence spread throughout the Mediterranean.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify Minoan and Phoenician accomplishments.

MINOANS TRADE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (Pages 72–73)

**Who were the Minoans?**

In the Mediterranean area, a new culture arose on the island of Crete. The Minoans were peaceful people who lived in rich cities that were safe from invaders. They controlled trade in their area, Crete. Crete is a large island on the southern edge of the Aegean Sea. The Minoans sent their fine pottery, swords, and metal drinking cups to other lands. They also sent other countries their style of art and architecture. This style later had influence on the art of Greece.

Archaeologists have explored the ruins of Knossos, the capital city of the Minoans. It was the archaeologists that first called the culture Minoan, after its famous ruler, King Minos. They found beautiful wall paintings that offer views of Minoan culture. One interesting feature of Minoan life was the high position that women appear to have held. An earth goddess seems to have headed all the gods of Crete, and women ruled over some important religious places. Women did not play such important roles among other peoples who lived nearby.

Minoan cities were damaged in 1470 B.C. by a series of disasters. First, a number of earthquakes rocked the island, destroying buildings. Then a volcano exploded on a nearby island. That was followed by huge waves and clouds of white ash from the volcano’s fire. These shocks seem to have been too much for the Minoans. The Minoan civilization ended about 1200 B.C.
PHOENICIANS SPREAD TRADE
AND CIVILIZATION (Pages 73–76)

Who were the Phoenicians?

Another group of people arose in the Mediterranean. They lived in several city-states in what is today Lebanon. They traded far and wide. Some may have even sailed as far as Britain—and perhaps around Africa. They were the Phoenicians.

The Phoenicians put colonies all along the Mediterranean coast. Colonies were 30 miles apart. This was the distance that one of their ships could travel in a day. One of those colonies, Carthage, in North Africa, later became a major power in the Mediterranean world. Phoenicians traded such goods as wine, weapons, metals, ivory, slaves, and objects made of wood and glass. They also made a purple dye that was highly valued.

The important achievement of the Phoenicians was their alphabet. They used symbols to stand for the sounds of consonants. They brought their system of writing to other lands such as Greece, where Greeks changed the form of some letters. The alphabet that we use today, however, had its beginnings in Phoenician writing.

ANCIENT TRADE ROUTES (Page 76)

What were the major trading networks?

Trading networks also connected the Mediterranean Sea with other centers of world commerce in South and East Asia. Some routes went across Central Asia by land. Some sea routes went across the Arabian Sea. These networks helped people exchange products and information. Traders carried ideas, religious beliefs, art, and ways of living. They did not just trade goods. They also helped “trade” culture.

3. Why were trade networks so important?
The Origins of Judaism

Terms and Names

- **Canaan**: Ancient home of the Israelites
- **Torah**: First five books of the Hebrew Bible
- **Abraham**: “Father,” or the first, of the Jewish people
- **monotheism**: Belief in a single God
- **covenant**: Mutual promise between God and the Jewish people
- **Moses**: According to the Torah, the man who led the Israelites out of slavery
- **Israel**: Kingdom on the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea
- **Judah**: Israelite kingdom in Canaan
- **tribute**: Payment made by a weaker power to a stronger power

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the spread of culture through trade.

In this section, you will learn about the origins of Judaism.

As You Read

Use a time line to show major Hebrew, Israelite, and Jewish leaders and one fact about each.

THE SEARCH FOR A PROMISED LAND (Pages 77–78)

**Where did the Israelites claim land?**

The Israelites made a claim to an important piece of land that was called Canaan. They believed the land had been promised to them by God. This region sat on the eastern edge of the Mediterranean Sea and on the Red Sea, which leads to the Indian Ocean. It was open to the trade of many lands. Most of what we know about the early history of the Israelites comes from the **Torah**, the sacred writings of the Jewish people.

The story of the Israelites began in Mesopotamia. There, according to the Torah, God chose a man named **Abraham** to be the “father,” or the first, of the Jewish people. God told Abraham to move his family to Canaan. Abraham promised that he and his people would always obey God. (The Israelites were among the world’s earliest peoples to believe in one God, or **monotheism**.) God, in turn, promised to always protect them from their enemies. This was the first of many **covenants**—promises between God and the Jewish people.

1. What role did Abraham play in early Jewish history?

MOSES AND THE EXODUS (Pages 78–80)

**Who was Moses?**

When their crops failed, the Israelites moved to Egypt around 1650 B.C. Over time, they were forced to become slaves.
After many years, they fled. Jews call this mass departure “the Exodus.”

According to the Torah, a man named Moses led them out of Egypt between 1300 and 1200 B.C. They traveled 40 years in a wilderness. During that time, the Torah says, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, part of a code of laws that the Israelites were to follow. They regulated social and religious life and emphasized mercy. God again promised to protect them in return for their obedience to his laws.

After Moses died, the Israelites finally reached Canaan and settled. There they began to adopt new ways of life. They often fought with other peoples living in the area, as each group tried to control the best land and other resources.

The Israelites were organized into twelve groups, called tribes. Each tribe was distinct, but in times of danger they would unite under leaders called judges. One of those judges was a woman named Deborah. It was unusual for women in ancient society to hold such a position. Women usually were expected to stay home and raise children.

The Jews had other leaders called prophets. They said that they were messengers sent by God to tell the people how he wanted them to act. These prophets told the people that they had two duties: to worship God and to deal in just and fair ways with one another. The goal of Jewish religion was that each person should live a moral life in accordance with God's laws.

2. What are the Ten Commandments?

THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL
(Pages 81–82)

How was Israel formed?

From about 1020 to 922 B.C., the Israelites were united into one kingdom, Israel. Three kings helped unite them. The first, Saul, drove off their enemies. The second, David, made Jerusalem the capital. The third, Solomon, built a magnificent temple to be used to worship God.

After Solomon’s death, though, the kingdom split in two, with Israel in the north and Judah in the south. For the next two centuries, each kingdom had times of prosperity, followed by low periods.

3. How was Israel split?

THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY
(Page 82)
Who conquered Israel and Judah?

Disaster came when both kingdoms lost their independence. Israel and Judah began to pay tribute to Assyria. Tribute is money paid by a weaker power to a stronger power to make sure it does not attack.

Eventually, the northern kingdom fell to the Assyrians. Later, the southern kingdom fell to the Babylonians. Many Jews were forced into exile in Babylon. They lived there for many years during what was known as the Babylonian Captivity. Then the Babylonians themselves were conquered by the Persian king Cyrus the Great. The new ruler let 40,000 Jews return home.

After the exile, the only large tribe left was the tribe of Judah. As a result, the Israelites came to be known as the Jews. Their religion is called Judaism.

4. What was the Babylonian Captivity?
The Egyptian and Nubian Empires

Terms and Names

**Hyksos** Invaders that ruled Egypt from 1640 to 1570 B.C.
**New Kingdom** Period after the Hyksos rulers
**Hatshepsut** New Kingdom ruler who encouraged trade
**Thutmose III** Warlike ruler; stepson of Hatshepsut
**Nubia** Region of Africa bordering Egypt
**Ramses II** Pharaoh and great builder of Egypt
**Kush** Nubian kingdom
**Piankhi** Kushite king who forced the Libyans out of Egypt
**Meroë** Home and trading center of the Kush kingdom

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about the religion of the ancient Israelites.

In this section, you will read about the interaction of Egypt and Nubia.

As You Read
Use a time line to identify important events in the history of Egypt and Nubia.

NOMADIC INVADERS RULE EGYPT
(Page 89)

*Who were the Hyksos?*
At the end of its second period of glory, power struggles weakened Egypt. New invaders, the **Hyksos**, arrived. They had the chariot. Egyptians had never seen this war machine before. The Hyksos ruled Egypt for many years. Some historians believe that the Hyksos encouraged the Israelites to settle there.

Around 1600 B.C., a series of warlike rulers began to restore Egypt’s power. Eventually, the Hyksos were driven completely out of Egypt. The pharaohs began some conquests of their own.

1. How did Egypt fall to the Hyksos?

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THE NEW KINGDOM OF EGYPT
(Pages 90–91)

The time from 1570 to 1075 B.C. is called the **New Kingdom**. In this third period, Egypt was richer and more powerful than ever.

**Hatshepsut** was one of the rulers of the New Kingdom. She encouraged trade. Her stepson, **Thutmose III**, was more warlike.
He and other New Kingdom pharaohs brought Egyptian rule to Syria and Canaan in the east. They also moved south into Nubia. This was a part of Africa near where the Nile began. Egypt had traded with Nubia and influenced the region since the time of the Middle Kingdom.

The pharaohs of the New Kingdom did not build pyramids, like those who had come before. Instead, they built great tombs in a secret place called the Valley of the Kings. Some pharaohs also built huge palaces for themselves or temples to the Egyptian gods.

Ramses II stood out among the great builders of the New Kingdom. He reigned from about 1290 to 1244 B.C.

2. What was the relationship between Nubia and Egypt during the New Kingdom?

THE KUSHITES CONQUER THE NILE REGION (Pages 92–93)

How did the Kushites rule?

As Egypt grew weaker, the Nubian kingdom of Kush became more powerful. Under Egyptian rule, the people of Kush accepted many Egyptian traditions and customs. They felt that they had to protect Egyptian values.

A Kushite king named Piankhi moved into Egypt to force out the Libyans. He united the Nile Valley. He wanted to bring back Egypt’s glory. The Kushites ruled Egypt for a few decades. Then the Assyrians invaded. They forced the Kushites back to their home.

4. How did the Kushites view Egyptian culture?

THE EMPIRE DECLINES (Pages 91–92)

How did Egypt lose power?

Around 1200 B.C., invaders attacked the eastern Mediterranean. They brought trouble with them.

Some of these invaders were called the “Sea Peoples.” They attacked the Egyptian empire. They attacked the Hittite kingdom, too.

As the power of Egypt fell, the land broke into many small kingdoms. People from Libya began to invade Egypt. They took control of the land. They followed the Egyptian way of life.

3. Who invaded Egypt?

THE GOLDEN AGE OF MEROË (Page 94)

What was Meroë?

The Kushite kings settled in the city of Meroë, south of Egypt. Their kingdom entered a golden age. The city played an important role in trade. Meroë also became an important center for making iron weapons and tools.

Traders in the city brought their iron to the ports of the Red Sea. These goods were taken on ships to Arabia and India. The traders from Meroë, in the meantime, brought back jewelry, cloth, silver lamps, and glass bottles. The city thrived from about 250 B.C. to about A.D. 150. By A.D. 350 Meroë had fallen to rival Aksum, a seaport farther south.

5. Why was Meroë important?
The Assyrian Empire

Terms and Names

**Assyria**  Powerful empire in northern Mesopotamia  
**Sennacherib**  Assyrian king and empire builder  
**Nineveh**  Assyria’s capital on the Tigris River  
**Ashurbanipal**  Assyrian king who gathered writing tablets from many lands  
**Medes**  People who helped to destroy the Assyrian empire  
**Chaldeans**  People who helped to destroy the Assyrian empire  
**Nebuchadnezzar**  Chaldean king who rebuilt Babylon

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about Egypt and Nubia.

In this section, you will read about the Assyrians, the people who took over Egypt.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify the causes of the rise and decline of the Assyrian power.

A MIGHTY MILITARY MACHINE  
(Pages 95–96)

**Who were the Assyrians?**

For a time, Assyria was the greatest power in Southwest Asia. The Assyrians began as a farming people in the northern part of Mesopotamia. Because their homes were open to attack, they formed a strong fighting force. Soon they turned to conquest. Assyrian kings, including the fierce Sennacherib, built an empire that stretched from east and north of the Tigris River all the way to central Egypt.

The Assyrians used many different methods to win their battles. Their soldiers carried strong iron-tipped spears and iron swords. They used large numbers of men with bows. They dug tunnels under city walls to weaken them. They used heavy battering rams to knock down the wooden gates of the city.

The Assyrians conquered almost everything in their path. They usually killed or enslaved those they defeated. Some Assyrian kings bragged about their cruelty toward people they captured.

Sometimes conquered peoples would revolt. Assyrians wanted to stop these rebellions and dominate the peoples. They forced groups of captives to leave their homelands. Then the captives were too far away to cause trouble.

1. What made the Assyrians such a strong fighting force?
THE EMPIRE EXPANDS
(Page 96)

**Whom did the Assyrians conquer?**
Between 850 and 650 B.C., the Assyrians conquered all of Mesopotamia along with Syria and Canaan. Then they took modern Turkey and Egypt. They ruled by putting in power kings who would support them. They also collected taxes and tribute—yearly payments from peoples who were weaker. If a city did not pay, the Assyrian army moved in and destroyed it.

The Assyrian kings were builders, too. One built the city of *Nineveh* on the north branch of the Tigris River. It was the largest city of its day. The city was surrounded with walls.

Another king, *Ashurbanipal*, gathered thousands of writing tablets from the lands that had been taken. Some of these tablets were dictionaries. The collection provided historians with much information about the earliest civilizations in Southwest Asia. The library was also the first to have many of the features of a modern library, including a cataloging system.

2. Besides conquering other people, what did the Assyrians accomplish?

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THE EMPIRE CRUMBLES
(Pages 97–98)

**Why did the Assyrians fall?**
The Assyrians had also made many enemies over the years. After a while, those enemies banded together. An army made up of *Medes, Chaldeans*, and others struck back. In 612 B.C., they destroyed the city of Nineveh. Many people in the area were glad that the city was in ruins.

The Chaldeans, who had ruled the area earlier, took control of Mesopotamia again. A Chaldean king named *Nebuchadnezzar* rebuilt the city of Babylon. Once more it was one of the greatest cities of the world. The city included famous hanging gardens with many different plants from the cool mountain regions. Slaves watered the plants with hidden pumps.

Babylon also featured a ziggurat. This step-shaped pyramid soared 300 feet into the air. It was the tallest building in Babylon. At night, priests would study the stars and the planets. They recorded what they saw. This was the beginning of the science of astronomy.

3. Who were the Chaldeans?

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The Persian Empire

Terms and Names

**Cyrus** Persian king who created a huge empire  
**Cambyses** Cyrus’s son  
**Darius** Persian king who put satraps in place and built the Royal Road  
**satrap** Governor who ruled locally  
**Royal Road** Road that helped unify the Persian Empire  
**Zoroaster** Persian prophet and religious reformer

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the military might of the Assyrians. In this section, you will read about the wise rule of the Persians.

As You Read

Use a diagram to identify the similarities and differences between Cyrus and Darius.

**THE RISE OF PERSIA (Pages 99–100)**

*How did Persia come to power?*

Persia, a new power, arose east of Mesopotamia, in modern Iran. The area had good farmland. It was also rich in minerals. There were mines of copper, lead, gold, and silver.

The Persians joined with other forces to help defeat the Assyrians. About 550 B.C., the Persians began their own conquests.

Their king was **Cyrus**, an excellent general. Cyrus led his army to conquer a huge empire. It stretched from the Indus River in India all the way to Anatolia. The empire covered about 2,000 miles. Cyrus took all this land in just over 10 years.

Cyrus won this vast land in part because of the wise way he treated the people there. Cyrus did not follow the examples of the Assyrians. They destroyed towns and cities. Cyrus, however, made sure that his army did not harm the people he conquered. He allowed the people to practice their old religions, too. Cyrus let the Israelites return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple there. Cyrus was also a great warrior. He was killed in battle.

1. What made Cyrus a great leader?

**PERSIAN RULE (Pages 100–101)**

*Who was Darius?*

Cyrus died in 530 B.C. The kings who followed him had to decide how to run the vast new empire. His son, **Cambyses**, conquered Egypt. Cambyses was not like his father. He was not wise or understanding. He did not respect the Egyptians and their way of life.
The next king, **Darius**, proved as able as Cyrus. Darius put down several revolts. He won more land for the empire and created a government for the empire. Only Greece escaped Persian control.

Darius divided the land into 20 provinces, each holding a certain group of people. He allowed each group to practice its own religion, speak its own language, and obey many of its own laws. He also put royal governors—**satraps**—in place to make sure that the people obeyed his laws.

Darius built the **Royal Road** to unite his large empire. This excellent road system ran 1,677 miles. Royal messengers on horses could travel this distance in about seven days. The Royal Road made communication better within the empire. Transportation became easier too.

Darius also had metal coins made that could be used for business anywhere in the empire. The coins had a standard value. This money system, along with the Royal Road, helped increase trade.

2. How did Darius change Persia?

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**THE PERSIAN LEGACY** *(Page 103)*

**What is the legacy of the Persian Empire?**

During the Persian Empire, a new religion arose in Southwest Asia. A prophet named **Zoroaster** said there were two powerful spirits. One stood for truth and light. The other represented evil and darkness. The two spirits were in a constant struggle. People needed to take part in the struggle. They would be judged on how well they fought. These ideas influenced later religions.

The Persians left their mark in history. They were fair and understanding. The Persians showed respect for other cultures. Their government brought order to Southwest Asia.

3. What mark did the Persians leave on history?

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The Unification of China

Terms and Names

Confucius  China’s most influential scholar
filial piety  Children’s respect for their parents and elders
bureaucracy  Organization of government into agencies and departments
Daoism  Philosophy of Laozi that puts people in touch with the forces of nature
Legalism  Chinese idea that a highly efficient and powerful government is the key to social order
I Ching  Chinese book that gave advice on practical and everyday problems
yin and yang  Powers that govern the natural rhythms of life and must be balanced
Qin Dynasty  Dynasty that unified China
Shi Huangdi  First emperor of China; leader of the Qin Dynasty
autocracy  Government in which the ruler has unlimited power

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about the Persian empire.
In this section, you will learn how China was restored to order.

As You Read
Use a web to indicate how the chaos of the warring states affected the philosophy, politics, and cities of China.

CONFUCIUS AND THE SOCIAL ORDER (Pages 104–105)
How did Confucius try to restore order in China?

After the fall of the Zhou Dynasty, China became a land of troubles. Ancient Chinese values were forgotten. Civilization seemed doomed. Yet some thinkers tried to find ways to restore these values.

One of the most important thinkers was Confucius. He was born in 551 B.C. Confucius believed that order could return. But first, the people would have to work at five basic relationships. These were ruler and subject, father and son, husband and wife, older and younger brothers, and friend. The family relationships, he thought, were the most important. Confucius stressed that children should practice filial piety. This is respect for parents and elders.

Confucius also tried to make government better. He helped create the basis of a bureaucracy. This is a system of departments and agencies for running the government. Education was important for the people who held jobs in this kind of government. Over time, the ideas of Confucius spread to other countries of East Asia.
1. How did Confucius try to restore ancient Chinese values?

OTHER ETHICAL SYSTEMS
(Pages 105–107)
What other ethical systems developed?

Another thinker of this period was Laozi. He said nature follows a universal force called the Dao, or “the Way.” His beliefs are called Daoism.

Other thinkers formed a set of beliefs called Legalism. They said the government should use the law to restore order in China.

Some Chinese people looked for practical advice in solving problems. They might refer to a book called I Ching. Other people turned to the idea of yang. These two powers represented the harmony between opposite forces in the universe.

2. What was the basic purpose of all these ethical systems?

THE QIN DYNASTY UNIFIES CHINA
(Pages 107–109)
What happened during the Qin Dynasty?

A 13-year-old ruler became ruler of the Qin Dynasty. He ended the troubles of the warring states. This young ruler used the ideas of Legalism to unite China. After ruling for 20 years, he took a new name—Shi Huangdi. This means “First Emperor.”

Shi Huangdi doubled the size of China. He established an autocracy. In this kind of government, a ruler has unlimited power. Shi Huangdi forced wealthy nobles to give up their land in the country and move to his capital city. He destroyed his enemies. The emperor wanted to control ideas, too. He ordered his government to burn books.

Shi Huangdi also had peasants build a network of roads that linked one corner of the empire to another. He set standards for writing, law, money, and weights and measures to be followed throughout the empire.

In the past, some Chinese rulers had built sections of wall to try to block attacks from northern nomads. Shi Huangdi had hundreds of thousands of poor people connect these sections of wall and make a huge barrier. When finished, the Great Wall of China stretched for thousands of miles.

These steps won the emperor little support. When he died, his son took the throne. Just three years into his reign, peasants revolted and managed to overthrow the emperor. By 202 B.C., the Qin Dynasty had given way to the Han Dynasty.

3. Name two changes that Shi Huangdi made.

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Cultures of the Mountains and the Sea

Terms and Names

**Mycenaeans**  Member of a group who settled on the Greek mainland around 2000 B.C.

**Trojan War**  War in which the Mycenaeans attacked the city of Troy

**Dorian**  Member of a group of people who migrated into the Greek mainland

**Homer**  Greek poet who composed the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*

**epic**  Heroic story told in the form of a long poem

**myth**  Traditional story that explains why the world is the way it is

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about belief systems in ancient China and the Qin Dynasty.

In this section, you will read about the development of culture in ancient Greece.

As You Read

Use a chart to organize information about the roots of Greek culture.

**GEOGRAPHY SHAPES GREEK LIFE**

*Pages 123–124*

**How did geography influence the Greeks?**

The lives of the ancient Greeks were shaped by the geography of their land. Greece is a rocky land with high mountains and deep valleys. These land forms were like barriers. Moving over the land was difficult. For these reasons, Greeks living in different areas could not be easily united.

Good farmland covered only about one-fourth of Greece and could not support many people. The need for more living space and the lack of good farmland may have influenced the Greeks to find new colonies.

The Greeks had easy access to the sea, however. They became excellent sailors. Trade became important because Greece had few natural resources.

The climate is mild. As a result, Greek people spent much time outdoors. They attended public events and even conducted government outside.

1. Why was sea trade important for the Greeks?

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Mycenaean Civilization Develops

Who were the Mycenaeans?

A large wave of people moved from Europe, India, and Southwest Asia. Some of these people settled on the Greek mainland around 2000 B.C. They were later called Mycenaeans. They were ruled by powerful warrior-kings.

The Mycenaeans developed a strong culture. They borrowed from the Minoan culture of Crete. They adapted the Minoan form of writing and artistic design. The Mycenaeans also became interested in trade.

According to legend, Mycenaeans fought a long war with the people of Troy, a city in Turkey. This conflict was called the Trojan War.

The war was said to have started because a Trojan youth kidnapped a Greek woman. Her name was Helen. She was the beautiful wife of a Greek king. The Greek army later destroyed Troy.

2. How were the Mycenaeans influenced by the Minoans?

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Greek Culture Declines Under the Dorians

What was Greece like under the Dorians?

The culture of the Mycenaeans fell about 1200 B.C. Sea raiders destroyed their palaces. A less advanced people called the Dorians occupied the land. For the next 400 years, Greece went into decline. No written records exist from this period. Little is known about this era.

The spoken word lived on, however. A great storyteller named Homer made up epics, long poems, based on tales he heard. Epics are about heroes and their deeds. One of Homer’s great epics was the Iliad. It centers on the heroes of the Trojan War. The heroes of the Iliad are warriors. Homer tells about their courage and noble actions in battle.

The Greeks also created a rich set of myths. These stories explain the actions of gods and events in nature. In Greek myths, gods often act like humans. For example, they show feelings, such as love, hate, and jealousy. Unlike humans, though, the Greek gods lived forever.

3. How did Homer keep Greek culture alive under the Dorians?

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Warring City-States

Terms and Names

*polis*  City-state of ancient Greece
*acropolis*  Fortified hilltop in an ancient Greek city
*monarchy*  Government ruled by a king or queen
*aristocracy*  Government ruled by a small group of noble families
*oligarchy*  Government ruled by a few powerful people
*tyrant*  Powerful ruler who gained control of a city-state’s government by asking the common people for support
*democracy*  Rule by the people
*helot*  Peasant forced to stay on the land
*phalanx*  Side-by-side fighting formation of Greek foot soldiers
*Persian Wars*  Wars between Greece and the Persian Empire

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the rise of early cultures in Greece. In this section, you will read about city-states and their governments.

As You Read

On a double time line, note the important events in the development of Athens and Sparta.

**RULE AND ORDER IN GREEK CITY-STATES** *(Page 127)*

*How were city-states governed?*

The center of Greek life was the *polis*, or city-state. A polis was made up of a city and the countryside villages surrounding it. Men would gather in the marketplace or on a fortified hilltop in the polis, called an *acropolis*, to conduct business.

The city-states had different kinds of government. Some had a *monarchy*, a government ruled by a king or queen. Some had an *aristocracy*, a government ruled by a small group of noble families. Later, some merchants and craft workers formed an *oligarchy*, a government ruled by a few powerful people.

Sometimes, the common people clashed with the rulers of the city-states. Powerful individuals called *tyrants* sometimes appealed to the common people for support. Tyrants would then rule the city-state. Unlike today, tyrants generally were not considered harsh or cruel. Rather, they were looked upon as leaders who did things for the ordinary people.

1. What types of government existed in the city-states?

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ATHENS BUILDS A LIMITED DEMOCRACY (Pages 128–129)

How was Athens governed?

In some city-states, most notably Athens, the idea of representative government took hold. In Athens, as in other city-states, wealthy nobles and poor people clashed. The people of Athens avoided major political problems, however, by making reforms. Reformers in Athens tried to build a democracy, or government by the people.

In 594 B.C., a trusted statesman named Solon came to power. He introduced far-reaching changes to the government of Athens. He gave citizens a greater voice. He made it possible for any citizen of Athens to join discussions in the assembly, which approved laws. About 90 years later a leader named Cleisthenes took power and introduced further democratic reforms.

Athenian citizens, then, were able to participate in a limited democracy. Not everyone was involved in making political decisions, though. Only free adult men were citizens. Women and slaves had few rights. They played little or no role in political life.

2. Why was Athens not a full democracy?

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SPARTA BUILDS A MILITARY STATE (Pages 129, 131)

How was Sparta governed?

Sparta was a very strong city-state in the south of Greece. It conquered its neighbor Messenia. The people of Messenia became helots. They were peasants forced to stay on the land they worked. They had to give the Spartans half their crops.

An assembly, the Council of Elders, and elected officials governed Sparta. Two kings ruled over Sparta’s military. Sparta prized military skills. Boys joined the army at the age of seven and went through a long period of training as soldiers. Spartan women ran the family estates, freeing their husbands to serve in the army.

3. What was Sparta’s focus as a city-state?

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THE PERSIAN WARS (Pages 131–133)

Who fought the Persian Wars?

Over the years, the Greeks developed the ability to make iron weapons. Because these cost less than weapons made of bronze, more people could afford them. Soon each city-state had its own army. In this army, soldiers stood side by side. They had a spear in one hand and a shield in the other. Together they formed a phalanx.

The Persian Wars were fought between Greece and the Persian Empire. In 490 B.C., Persian ships landed 25,000 soldiers on the coast of Greece. At the Battle of Marathon, the Greeks won a tremendous victory that saved Athens.

Ten years later, the Persians returned. The Greeks lost a battle on land, despite the heroic efforts of a small band of Spartans. The Persians also burned Athens. However, the ships of Athens won a great sea battle. The Greeks followed it with another victory on land. The threat from Persia was over.

4. What was the outcome of the Persian Wars?

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Democracy and Greece’s Golden Age

PERICLES’ PLAN FOR ATHENS
(Pages 134–135)

**How did Pericles change Athens?**

Pericles led Athens during its golden age. He served in this role from 461 to 429 B.C. Greek culture reached new heights under his leadership.

Pericles set three goals. One goal was to make Athens much more democratic through **direct democracy**. This meant that citizens ruled directly and not through representatives.

Another goal was to make Athens stronger. Pericles helped build up Athens’ navy. It became the strongest in the Mediterranean.

Another goal was to make Athens beautiful. Pericles used money from the empire to buy gold, ivory, and marble. He helped fund great works of art.

1. What were Pericles’ three main goals for Athens?
GLORIOUS ART AND ARCHITECTURE (Pages 135–136)

How was Greek art unique?
One of the glories of Athens was the Parthenon. This temple was built to honor the goddess Athena. It is a masterpiece of art. Like other buildings and sculptures in Greece, it is an example of classical art. It reflects order, balance, and proportion.

2. Why was the Parthenon built?

Peleponnesian War began in 431 B.C. The conflict ended badly for Athens. In 430 B.C. a horrible plague killed a great many people in Athens. After several battles, the two sides signed a truce. However, they were soon back at war. Finally, Athens gave up in 404 B.C. Athens had lost its empire.

4. What was the result of the Peloponnesian War?

DRAMA AND HISTORY (Page 136)

What kinds of drama did Greeks produce?
Athens also became home to a group of very skilled playwrights. Some wrote tragedies. These plays were about the pain and suffering of human life.

Other playwrights wrote comedies. These plays made audiences laugh about important ideas. Some plays were critical of customs, politics, and people. Such performances showed that Athens was a free and open society.

Also, such writers as Herodotus and Thucydides pioneered the accurate reporting of events. Their works led to the development of the subject of history.

3. What was the purpose of Greek comedies?

PHILOSOPHERS SEARCH FOR TRUTH (Pages 138–139)

What did philosophers contribute to Greek culture?
After Athens’ defeat, this city-state became home to several philosophers. They were thinkers who tried to understand human life. One of these great thinkers was Socrates. He believed deeply in truth and justice. Yet many people did not trust him. They thought his teachings were dangerous. Socrates was brought to trial and condemned to death.

His pupil, Plato, recorded many of Socrates’s ideas. Plato became an important thinker in his own right. Plato’s student, Aristotle, wrote books that summarized the knowledge of the Greeks. His system of logic became the foundation of scientific thought used today.

5. Who were three important Greek philosophers?

ATHENIANS AND SPARTANS GO TO WAR (Pages 137–138)

What was the Peloponnesian War?
After being rivals for many years, Sparta and Athens finally went to war. The
Alexander’s Empire

Terms and Names

**Philip II**  King of Macedonia who conquered Greece  
**Macedonia**  Kingdom located just north of Greece  
**Alexander the Great**  Philip II’s son who established a huge empire  
**Darius III**  Persian king

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the Golden Age of Greece and the fall of Athens.

In this section, you will learn about Alexander the Great and his empire.

As You Read

Use an outline to organize main ideas about the growth of Alexander’s empire.

**PHILIP BUILDS MACEDONIAN POWER**  (Pages 142–143)

_Who were the Macedonians?_

In 359 B.C., Philip II became king of Macedonia, a kingdom located just to the north of Greece. He was a strong leader and trained his troops to be tough fighters. Philip prepared his army to invade Greece.

The Athenian orator Demosthenes tried to warn the Greeks. He told them about Philip’s plans. But they united too late to save themselves. The Macedonians won. Greek independence was now over.

Philip planned to invade Persia next. He never got the chance. He was killed. His son Alexander became king at age 20. He became known as Alexander the Great.

1. How did Greek independence end?

**ALEXANDER DEFEATS PERSIA**  (Pages 143–144)

_How did Alexander defeat Persia?_

Alexander was a brilliant general, just like his father. He was prepared to carry out his father’s dream of world conquest.

In 334 B.C., Alexander invaded Persia. After Alexander’s first victory, the king of Persia, Darius III, raised a huge army to face him. Alexander then used a surprise attack. Darius III had to retreat.

Alexander then moved south to enter Egypt. He was crowned pharaoh and founded a city that he named for himself—Alexandria. He then turned back to Persia and won another great battle. It ended all Persian resistance. The empire was his.

2. What two kingdoms did Alexander defeat?
ALEXANDER’S OTHER CONQUESTS (Pages 144–145)

How far east did Alexander push?
Alexander pushed east, taking his army as far as India. He moved deep into that country. After many years of marching and fighting, however, his soldiers wanted to return home. Alexander agreed and turned back. On the way home, he began to make plans for how to govern his new empire. Then he suddenly fell ill and died. He was not yet 33 years old.

Three of Alexander’s generals divided his empire. One ruled Macedonia and Greece. Another took control of Egypt. The third became ruler of the lands that used to be in the Persian Empire. Alexander’s empire was not long lasting. Yet it had important effects. After Alexander, the people of Greece and Persia and all the lands between mixed together and shared ideas and culture.

3. How did Alexander’s power come to an end?

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The Spread of Hellenistic Culture

Terms and Names

Hellenistic  Relating to the culture that blended Greek with Egyptian, Persian, and Indian influences
Alexandria  Egyptian city that was the center of Hellenistic culture
Euclid  Greek mathematician and pioneer in geometry
Archimedes  Greek scientist, inventor, and mathematician
Colossus of Rhodes  Huge bronze statue created on the island of Rhodes

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the military conquests of Alexander the Great.

In this section, you will learn about the spread of Hellenistic culture.

As You Read

Use a chart to list Hellenistic achievements in various categories.

HELLENISTIC CULTURE IN ALEXANDRIA  (Pages 146–147)

What was Hellenistic culture?
A new culture arose—the Hellenistic culture. It blended Greek with Egyptian, Persian, and Indian influences. The center of this culture was Alexandria, Egypt. This city was located near the mouth of the Nile River on the Mediterranean Sea. Alexandria had a ship harbor. Trade was lively. Alexandria had a large population. These people were from many different countries.

Alexandria was also a beautiful city. Its huge lighthouse towered over the harbor. Its famous museum had works of art, a zoo, and a garden. Alexandria had the first true research library. It held half a million papyrus scrolls. These contained everything known in the Hellenistic world.

1. Give two reasons why Alexandria became a center of Hellenistic culture.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  (Pages 147–148)

What new ideas arose in science, technology, and mathematics?
While scholars kept what was known about science alive, others learned new ideas. Some used an observatory to look at the stars and planets. One of these astronomers developed the idea that the sun was actually larger than Earth. No one had believed this before.
The thinkers in Alexandria also made advances in mathematics. **Euclid** wrote a book with the basic ideas of geometry. His approach is still used today. **Archimedes** invented many clever machines. One was the pulley. Another is called the Archimedes screw. Its purpose was to bring water from a lower level to a higher one.

### 2. What two inventions did Archimedes make?

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### PHILOSOPHY AND ART

*Pages 148–149*

**What new developments occurred in philosophy and the arts?**

Two new schools of philosophy arose in these times. The Stoics argued that people should live a good life to keep themselves in harmony with natural laws. Desire, power, and wealth led people down the wrong path. The Epicureans said that people could rely only on what they learned from their five senses. They urged everyone to live moral lives.

The arts were also important in Hellenistic times. Great achievements occurred in sculpture. Sculpture in the earlier Greek style aimed at showing perfect forms. In the Hellenistic age, sculpted figures were more realistic and emotional. The largest known Hellenistic statue is the **Colossus of Rhodes**. It stood over 100 feet high.

### 3. How were Hellenistic sculptures different from earlier Greek sculptures?

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The Roman Republic

Terms and Names

- republic: Government in which citizens have the right to select their own leader
- patrician: Aristocratic landowner
- plebeian: Farmer, artisan, or merchant; commoner
- tribune: Official who helped the plebeians protect their rights
- consul: Official who was like a king
- senate: Aristocratic branch of Rome’s government
- dictator: Roman leader who had absolute power to make laws and command the army for a brief period
- legion: Military unit of the ancient Roman army
- Punic Wars: Series of wars between Rome and Carthage
- Hannibal: Carthaginian general who invaded northern Italy

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about Hellenistic culture. In this section, you will read about the Roman Republic.

As You Read

Use an outline to take notes on the section’s main ideas and details.

THE ORIGINS OF ROME

(Pages 155–156)

Where was Rome founded?

The city of Rome was founded by the Latin people on a river in the center of Italy. It was a good location, which gave them a chance to control all of Italy. It put them near to the midpoint of the Mediterranean Sea. Two other groups lived in what is now Italy: the Greeks in the south, and the Etruscans in the north. The Romans borrowed some ideas from both peoples.

1. What were the advantages of Rome’s location?

THE EARLY REPUBLIC

(Pages 156–157)

How was Rome governed?

In 509 B.C., Romans overthrew the Etruscan king who had ruled over his people and over Rome. The Romans said Rome was now a republic. The people had the power to vote and choose leaders.

Two groups struggled for power in the new republic. One was the patricians. They were the aristocratic landowners who held most of the power. The other group was the plebeians. They were the common farmers, artisans, and merchants who made up most of the population. At first, the patricians had the most power.
Over time, the plebeians got the right to form their own assembly. They could elect representatives called **tribunes**.

The basis for Roman law was the Twelve Tables. This set of rules said that all free citizens were protected by law.

The government had three parts. Two **consuls**, or officials, were elected each year. They led the government and the army.

The second part of the government was the **senate**. It usually had 300 members chosen from the upper classes. The senate passed laws.

The third and most democratic part of government was the assemblies. The assemblies included members from different parts of society, such as citizen-soldiers or plebeians. The assemblies could also make laws.

If there were a crisis, the republic could appoint a **dictator**. This was a leader with absolute power. The dictator made laws and commanded the army. But his power lasted for only six months.

Any citizen who owned property had to serve in the army. Roman soldiers were organized into military units called **legions**. The Roman **legion** was made up of some 5,000 heavily armed foot soldiers.

**ROME SPREADS ITS POWER**

(Page 158–159)

*How did Rome spread its power?*

In the fourth century B.C., Rome began to get larger. Within 150 years, it had captured almost all of Italy. Rome allowed some of the conquered peoples to enjoy the benefits of citizenship. With its good location, Rome saw a growth in trade. This brought it into conflict with Carthage, a trading city in North Africa.

From 264 to 146 B.C., Rome and Carthage fought three bitter wars called the **Punic Wars**. In the first, Rome won control of the island of Sicily. In the second, **Hannibal**, a brilliant Carthaginian general invaded northern Italy. He and his soldiers did much damage. But he was unable to take Rome. It took an equally brilliant Roman general, Scipio, to defeat him. By the time of the third war, Carthage was no longer a threat to Rome. Even so, Rome destroyed the city and made its people slaves. Carthage became a new Roman province.

3. What happened as a result of the wars with Carthage?

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2. What were the three main parts of Roman government?

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Ancient Rome and Early Christianity

Section 2

The Roman Empire

Terms and Names

civil war  Conflict between two groups in the same country
Julius Caesar  Ambitious leader who brought order to Rome
triumvirate  Group of three rulers
Augustus  First ruler of imperial Rome
Pax Romana  Period of Roman peace and prosperity

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the creation of the Roman Republic.

In this section, you will read about the transformation of Rome from a republic to an empire.

As You Read

Use a chart to show how Rome changed as it became an empire.

THE REPUBLIC COLLAPSES
(Pages 160–162)
What conflicts existed in Rome?

Rome’s victory in Carthage brought conflict between the rich and poor in Rome. Civil war, or fighting between groups in the same country, broke out. Leading generals fought for power.

Julius Caesar tried to take control. First he joined with two others—Crassus, a wealthy man, and Pompey, a successful general. They formed a triumvirate, a group of three leaders. For the next ten years, the triumvirate ruled Rome.

Caesar gained fame with several victories in battle. Pompey feared Caesar as a result. The two fought another civil war that lasted several years. Caesar won the civil war and then governed as an absolute ruler, or a leader who holds all power.

Caesar made some reforms that increased his popularity. But some members of the senate distrusted him. They killed him because they feared he wanted to become king.

Once again, Rome suffered civil war. Caesar’s nephew was the winner. He took the title Augustus, meaning “exalted one.” The Roman Empire was now ruled by one man.

1. How did Caesar’s rule lead to the end of the republic?

A VAST AND POWERFUL EMPIRE
(Pages 162–163)
What was the Pax Romana?

For about 200 years, the Roman Empire was a great power. Its population of between 60 and 80 million enjoyed peace and prosperity. This period is known as the Pax Romana—Roman peace.
The empire stretched around the Mediterranean, from modern Syria and Turkey west and north to England and Germany. It relied on farming, which employed 90 percent of all workers.

Trade was also important. Traders used common coins to buy and sell goods. Coins made trading easier.

Rome had a vast trading network. Goods traveled throughout the empire by ship and along the Roman roads. The Roman navy protected trading ships.

The army defended all the people and Roman territories from attack. Many of the army’s troops came from the conquered peoples. Once they finished their time in the army, they became Roman citizens.

Augustus was Rome’s ablest emperor. He brought peace to the frontier, built many public buildings, and created a lasting government. He also set up a civil service. That is, he paid workers to manage the affairs of government.

Between A.D. 96 and A.D. 180, the Five Good Emperors ruled Rome. The death of Marcus Aurelius in A.D. 180 marked the beginning of the decline of the Roman Empire and the end of Pax Romana.

How did the quality of Roman life vary?

Throughout its history, Romans valued discipline, strength, and loyalty. The family was the center of Roman society. The oldest man in the family had complete authority in the household. He controlled all the property, too.

The Romans made more use of slaves than any civilization before. About one third of the people were slaves. Most slaves came from conquered lands. Slaves worked in the city and on farms. Some slaves were forced to become gladiators. Gladiators were professional fighters who fought to the death in public contests. Slaves did revolt from time to time. None of these revolts succeeded.

Quality of life in imperial Rome depended on social position. The wealthy ate well and enjoyed luxuries. The poor—including many people in Rome itself—had no jobs and received food from the government. Housing was poor. People lived in constant danger of fire. To distract people from their problems, the government gave many celebrations and spectacles.

2. How were the people of the empire employed?
The Rise of Christianity

Terms and Names

**Jesus**  Jewish teacher whose followers came to call Christ, the Messiah or savior  
**apostle**  Close follower of Jesus.  
**Peter**  First apostle who helped spread Christianity through Judea and Syria  
**Paul**  Apostle who played a key role in the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire  
**Diaspora**  Moving away of Jews from their homeland in Judea  
**bishop**  Head of all churches in one area  
**pope**  Head of the Roman Catholic Church  
**Constantine**  Roman emperor who ended persecution of Christians

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the *Pax Romana*.  
In this section, you will read about the development of Christianity.

As You Read

Use a chart to show the events that led to the spread of Christianity.

THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS (Pages 168–169)

**Why did people believe Jesus was the savior?**

One group of people that lost its land to the Romans was the Jews. Many Jews wanted the Romans to leave their land.  
Others hoped for the coming of the Messiah—the savior. According to Jewish tradition, God promised that the Messiah would restore the kingdom of the Jews.  
**Jesus** was born in Judea. At about age 30, Jesus began to preach. His message included many ideas from Jewish traditions, such as the principles of the Ten Commandments and the belief in one God. According to close followers, who were later called **apostles**, Jesus performed many miracles. His fame grew. Some believed him to be the long-awaited Messiah. Roman leaders feared he would incite the people. The Romans arrested Jesus and put him to death.  
After his death, Jesus’ followers said that he appeared to them alive again and then went up into heaven. They said this proved he was the Messiah. They called him Christ, from the Greek word for savior. His followers came to be called Christians. Led by **Peter**, the first apostle, they spread his teachings throughout Judea and Syria.
1. Why was Jesus put to death?

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CHRISTIANITY SPREADS THROUGH THE EMPIRE  
(Pages 169–170)  

How did Christianity spread through the empire?

At first Jesus’ followers were all Jewish. Later, under one apostle, Paul, Christians began to look to all people, even non-Jews, to join the church. The leaders of the early church traveled throughout the empire spreading the teachings of Jesus.

During this time, Jews made attempts to break free of the Romans. These movements did not succeed. Most Jews were driven from their homeland into exile. This scattering of the Jews is called the Diaspora.

At the same time, Roman leaders tried to punish the Christians. Some were put to death or killed by wild animals in the arena. But Christianity continued to spread.

2. What did the Romans do to the Jews?

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A WORLD RELIGION  
(Pages 170–172)  

Why did Christianity spread?

After almost 200 years, millions of people across the empire had become Christians. Christianity spread for several reasons. First, it accepted all believers, rich or poor, male or female. Second, it gave hope to the powerless. Third, it appealed to those who were bothered by the lack of morality in Rome. Fourth, it offered a personal relationship with God. Fifth, it offered the promise of life after death.

As the church grew, it became more organized. Priests were in charge of small churches. Bishops were in charge of all the churches in one area. The bishop of Rome was called the pope. The pope was later viewed as the head of the Christian Church.

In A.D. 313, Christianity entered a new era. The Roman emperor Constantine said that Christians would no longer be persecuted. He gave his official approval to Christianity. A few decades later, Christianity became the empire’s official religion.

While Christianity grew in power, it went through changes. Church leaders sometimes disagreed over basic beliefs and argued about them. Church leaders called any belief that appeared to contradict the basic teachings a heresy. From time to time, councils met to end disagreements and define beliefs.

3. How was the church organized?

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The Fall of the Roman Empire

Terms and Names

- **inflation**: Large drop in the value of money and rise in the prices of goods
- **mercenary**: Foreign soldiers who fought for money
- **Diocletian**: Strong-willed army leader and Roman emperor
- **Constantinople**: New name for Byzantium under Constantine
- **Attila**: Powerful chieftain of Huns

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the spread of Christianity.

In this section, you will learn how the Roman Empire collapsed.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify what caused the problems facing the Roman Empire.

**A CENTURY OF CRISIS** *(Page 173)*

*What problems did Rome face?*

Rome entered a period of decline after the reign of Marcus Aurelius ended in A.D. 180. Rome suffered economic problems. Trade slowed as raiders threatened ships and caravans on sea and land. The economy suffered from **inflation**, a drastic drop in the value of money and a rise in prices. Food supplies also dropped as tired soil, warfare, and high taxes cut the amount of grain and other foods produced on farms.

The empire also had military problems. German tribes caused trouble on the frontiers. Persians defeated the Romans in A.D. 260 and captured the emperor. Roman soldiers could no longer be counted on. Instead, **mercenaries**—soldiers who fight for money—had to be hired. At the same time, Roman generals fought one another for control of the empire.

**EMPERORS ATTEMPT REFORM** *(Pages 174–175)*

*What changes did the emperors make?*

**Diocletian** took the throne as emperor in 284. He passed many new laws to try to fix the economy. He tried to restore the status of the emperor by naming himself a son of the chief Roman god. He even divided the empire into eastern and western halves to make it easier to govern.

Constantine continued many of these changes. He became emperor of both halves of the empire in 324. A few years later, Constantine moved the capital of the empire to a new city in northwestern Turkey where Europe and Asia meet.
The city was Byzantium. In time, it was given a new name—Constantinople, the city of Constantine.

2. Who was Constantine?

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THE WESTERN EMPIRE CRUMBLES (Pages 175–176)

Who overran Rome?

Reforms delayed the end of the Roman Empire but could not prevent its fall. The eastern part of the empire remained strong and unified. But troubles continued in the west. Germanic tribes moved into the empire. They were trying to escape from the Huns, fierce nomadic people from central Asia, who were moving into their land.

The Roman armies in the west collapsed. German armies twice entered Rome itself. In 408, Visigoths led by their king, Alaric, put the city under siege. In 444, the Huns united under a powerful chieftain named Attila. Attila and his armies terrorized both halves of the empire.

The invasions continued after Attila’s death. The Germans had arrived for good. By 476, German peoples controlled many areas of Europe. That year a German general removed the last western Roman emperor from the throne.

3. What role did Attila play in the collapse of Rome?

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**Terms and Names**

**Greco-Roman culture**  Culture developed from the blending of Greek, Hellenistic, and Roman cultures

**Pompeii**  Roman town destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius

**Virgil**  Roman poet who wrote the *Aeneid*

**Tacitus**  Roman historian who recorded the good and bad of imperial Rome

**aqueduct**  Pipeline or channel built to carry water

**Before You Read**

In the last section, you read about the fall of Rome. In this section, you will learn about the contributions of Rome to Western civilization.

**As You Read**

Use a chart to list the accomplishments of the Roman Empire.

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**THE LEGACY OF GRECO-ROMAN CIVILIZATION**

(Pages 178–181)

**What is Greco-Roman culture?**

Rome took aspects of Greek and Hellenistic culture and added ideas of its own. The mixing of Greek, Hellenistic, and Roman culture produced a new culture called **Greco-Roman culture**. This is also often called classical civilization.

Roman artists, philosophers, and writers did not just copy Greek works. They created a style of their own for their own purposes. Much of Roman art had practical purposes. It was aimed at educating the public.

One example of the mixing of cultures occurred in sculpture. Romans borrowed Greek ideas but made their sculptures more realistic. The Romans also developed a kind of sculpture in which images stood out from a flat background.

Romans were skilled at creating pictures made from tiny tiles, a process called mosaic. But Romans were perhaps most skilled at painting. The best examples of Roman painting are found in the Roman town of **Pompeii**. Pompeii was covered with ash after a volcanic eruption. The ash preserved many works of art and culture.

In both literature and philosophy, Romans were inspired by the Greeks. The poet **Virgil** wrote the most famous work of Latin literature, the *Aeneid*. It was modeled on the Greek epics of Homer.

The Romans also produced some important histories. **Tacitus** is an important Roman ancient historian.
Among ancient historians, he is known for presenting accurate facts. He described the good and bad parts of imperial Rome in his *Annals* and *Histories*.

1. Name three Roman cultural achievements.

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**THE LEGACY OF ROME**

*Pages 181–183*

**What were Rome’s most major contributions to Western culture?**

The Roman language, Latin, was important in European history. It was the official language of the Roman Catholic Church into the 20th century. Many European languages developed from Latin, including French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and Romanian. And many Latin words are used in other languages, including English.

Romans also became famous for their skill at engineering. They used arches and domes to build large, impressive buildings. Many of these forms are still used today. They also built an excellent system of roads and several **aqueducts**. Aqueducts carried water from distant lakes or rivers to large cities.

But Rome’s most lasting influence was in the field of law. The Roman government set standards of law that still influence people today. Some of the most important principles of Roman law were:

- All persons had the right to equal treatment under the law.
- A person was considered innocent until proven guilty.
- The burden of proof rested with the accuser rather than the accused.
- A person should be punished only for actions, not for thoughts.
- Any law that seemed unreasonable or unfair could be set aside.

2. What important standards of law were set by the Romans?

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India and China Establish Empires

Section 1

India’s First Empires

Terms and Names

Mauryan Empire  First empire in India, founded by Chandragupta Maurya
Asoka  Grandson of Chandragupta; leader who brought the Mauryan Empire to its greatest height
religious toleration  Acceptance of the right of people to have differing religious beliefs
Tamil  Language of southern India; also the people who speak that language
Gupta Empire  Second empire in India, founded by Chandra Gupta
patriarchal  Relating to a social system in which the father is the head of the family
matriarchal  Relating to a social system in which the mother is the head of the family

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the influence of ancient Rome.

In this section, you will read about the Mauryan and Gupta empires in India.

As You Read

Use a chart to compare the Mauryan and Gupta empires.

THE MAURYAN EMPIRE IS ESTABLISHED (Pages 189–192)

How did the Mauryan Empire begin?

In 321 B.C., Chandragupta Maurya used his army to defeat a powerful king in eastern India. He became king, and this started the Mauryan Empire.

Chandragupta then moved northwest. In 305 B.C., he began to challenge Seleucus, one of Alexander the Great’s generals. The two armies fought for several years. Eventually Chandragupta won. For the first time, northeastern and northwestern India were joined under the rule of one person.

Chandragupta was a harsh ruler. He charged a heavy tax on farmers—one-half of the crop they grew each year. He used this wealth to build a huge army. He controlled his government by carefully choosing officials and watching them closely. He split his empire into four provinces, each ruled by a prince. These areas, in turn, were divided into smaller pieces that were run by members of the government. Life in Chandragupta’s court was rich. The palace and capital city were beautiful.

Chandragupta’s grandson, Asoka, took the throne in 269 B.C. He brought the Mauryan Empire to its greatest height. At first he was a warlike king and fought many fierce battles with an enemy to the south. Then he decided to accept the teachings of the Buddha.

Asoka promised to rule in a fair way. He issued laws that urged his subjects to avoid violence. He urged religious toleration. This is acceptance of people’s rights to differing religious beliefs.
He made great roads so that people could travel easily. Soon after Asoka died, however, his empire collapsed.

1. What changes did Asoka make in the Mauryan Empire?

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A PERIOD OF TURMOIL (Page 191)
What troubles did India face?

For 500 years after Asoka, India was a land of troubles. In the center of India, a new dynasty—the Andhra Dynasty—dominated the region. In the northwest, many Greeks, Persians, and Central Asians entered the land. They were fleeing the invasions of others. These peoples added new ideas and languages to India’s rich mix of culture. In the south, three different kingdoms fought each other off and on. The people who lived in this region spoke the Tamil language. They are called the Tamil people.

2. Who are the Tamils?

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THE GUPTA EMPIRE IS ESTABLISHED (Pages 191–192)
What was life like in the Gupta Empire?

Around A.D. 320, Chandra Gupta I came to power in the north. He was not related to the first emperor. He took the title of king and began to conquer other areas.

His son, Samudra Gupta, followed the same policy. For 40 years, he fought to win new lands for the Gupta Empire. Samudra’s son, Chandra Gupta II, brought the empire to its largest size. He added parts of western India, including some important ports on the Indian Ocean, to his empire. With these, the Guptas were able to take part in the rich trade that connected India, Southwest Asia, and the world of the Mediterranean Sea. The Gupta empire stretched all across northern India.

Most Indians lived in villages and were farmers. Part of each crop that they grew had to be paid to the king each year. Farmers also had to set aside part of each month to work on community resources, such as wells or dams. Craft workers and those who worked in trade lived in special sections of each village, town, or city.

Most families in northern India were patriarchal. They were headed by the oldest male. But in southern India, some Tamil families were matriarchal. This meant the mother was head of the family. Property, and sometimes the throne, were passed through the female side of the family.

The Gupta kings were patrons of the arts. Artists flourished during the Gupta rule. However, after the death of Chandra Gupta II, another wave of invaders moved into India. Over the next hundred years, the great Gupta Empire broke up into several smaller kingdoms. The empire ended about 535.

3. How did the Gupta Empire end?

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India and China Establish Empires

Section 2

Trade Spreads Indian Religions and Culture

Terms and Names

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<td>Brahma</td>
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Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the Mauryan and Gupta empires of India.

In this section, you will learn how trade caused changes in Indian religion and culture.

As You Read

Use a chart to list one or more specific developments of Indian culture.

BUDDHISM AND HINDUISM

CHANGE (Pages 193–194)

What were the changes in religious thought?

Over time, the religions of Hinduism and Buddhism became more and more distant from the common people. Priests dominated Hinduism. Followers of the Buddha found it difficult to find the promised goal of release from this world. As new peoples moved into India, they brought new ideas. These ideas had an impact on these religions.

The Buddha had taught that a tough spiritual life was the way to escape from the suffering of the world. But self-denial was difficult for most people. Many people came to worship the Buddha himself as a god, even though he had forbidden it. Some came to believe that other people could become Buddhas themselves. They could do this through good works and sacrifice.

These ideas created a new kind of Buddhism, the Mahayana sect. Those who held on to the stricter beliefs belonged to the Theravada sect. The new Mahayana approach helped Buddhism become a popular religion. All believers had the chance to be saved. This change caused an increase in art. Buddhists with money built temples and shrines and then paid artists to decorate them with sculptures and paintings.
Hinduism changed, too. By the time of the Mauryan Empire, only priests were involved in many rituals of the faith. For centuries, Hinduism had been a religion of many gods. Now other religions based on only one god were becoming more important. Many Hindus began to emphasize three gods in particular. One was Brahma, creator of the world. Another was Vishnu, preserver of the world. The third was Shiva, destroyer of the world. By devoting themselves to these gods, people began to feel the religion more directly in their lives.

1. What changes did the split in Buddhism bring?

2. What advances did scientists and mathematicians make?

THE SPREAD OF INDIAN TRADE
(Pages 195–197)
How did India’s trade increase?

Soon Indians learned about the Silk Roads. These were caravan routes that crisscrossed central Asia. Indian traders joined in the trade along these routes. Indians traded cotton cloth and animals to China for silk. Traders brought spices from Southeast Asia to India and then sold them to Rome and other western peoples.

This trade was so busy that large numbers of Roman coins have been found in India. The Indians also traded their own cotton cloth in Africa for ivory and gold. They sent rice and wheat to Arabia for dates and horses. They carried out this trade by land and sea.

India’s culture spread beyond India. The art and architecture of many lands in Southeast Asia show the influence of Indian art. Some people adopted Hinduism, and many began to follow Buddhism.

3. In addition to goods, what did India send to different parts of the world?
Han Emperors in China

Terms and Names

**Han Dynasty** Chinese dynasty that ruled for most of the period from 202 B.C. to A.D. 220

**centralized government** Government that concentrates power in a central authority

**civil service** Administrative departments of a government; also, word describing government jobs and employees

**monopoly** One group’s complete control over the production and distribution of certain goods

**assimilation** Policy of encouraging conquered peoples to adopt the institutions and customs of the conquering nation

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Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the spread of Indian religions and culture.

In this section, you will read about the Han Dynasty in China.

As You Read

Use an outline to organize main ideas and details on the Han Dynasty.

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**THE HAN RESTORE UNITY TO CHINA (Pages 200–202)**

What changes did Han leaders make?

A strong empire also arose in China. The Chinese had been united briefly under the Qin empire. But it fell apart in a period of civil war. In 202 B.C., Liu Bang named himself the first emperor of the **Han Dynasty**. The Han would rule parts of China for the next 400 years. They set many patterns for Chinese culture for centuries to come.

Liu Bang created a **centralized government**. Local officials reported to the emperor. The rule of the previous emperor had been very harsh. Liu Bang took a different approach. He lowered taxes. He gave lighter penalties for crimes. Life became easier for the Chinese people.

From 141 to 87 B.C., the emperor Wudi ruled Han China. He made his empire almost the size of modern China. He defeated nomads in the north. He moved troops and settlers to the west. He sent soldiers to the north into modern Korea and to the south to modern Vietnam.

1. What changes did Liu Bang make?

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**A HIGHLY STRUCTURED SOCIETY; HAN TECHNOLOGY, COMMERCE, AND CULTURE (Pages 202–205)**

What advances took place?

Chinese society under the Han Dynasty was very structured. The emperor was at the top. He had a large number of officials.
These officials reached down to the smallest village. They filled civil service jobs. Those who wanted these jobs had to pass an exam. The exam tested them on their knowledge of the writings of the Chinese philosopher Confucius.

To support a large government, the emperor collected taxes. Farmers paid part of the crops they gathered. Merchants paid taxes on the goods they traded. Peasants also had to work one month a year on government projects, such as dams and roads.

Under Han rule, the Chinese created many new inventions. One was paper. Paper made books more available and increased learning.

The Chinese also improved farming by inventing a new two-bladed plow. This change was important because the number of Chinese people had grown greatly. As Han emperors told their people, farming was the most important work. At the same time, several industries became important. The government had a monopoly on, or took complete control of, the mining of salt and making of iron, coins, and alcohol. It also made silk, which was in great demand in other lands.

2. Why were changes in farming so important?

assimilation—making sure that these people learned Chinese ways. They urged the Chinese to marry them.

One group that did not do well in Han China was women. According to Confucius, women were limited to meeting the needs of their husband and children. Some upper-class women, however, were able to become involved in other areas of life.

The Han empire began to have problems. Rich people got richer, while the poor were forced to pay heavy taxes. Members of the court were caught up in plots to gain power. Eventually, the peasants rebelled against their high taxes and poor lives.

A government official named Wang Mang took the throne. He tried to help the poor by taking land from the large landholders. But a terrible flood struck China and the peasants rebelled again. The Han Dynasty was restored when a member of the Han family was put on the throne. This was called the Later Han Dynasty.

For the next few decades, China enjoyed peace and wealth. But the same problems arose. The gap between rich and poor was too great. By A.D. 220, the Han Dynasty had fallen for good.

3. What caused the fall of the Han Dynasty?
A LAND OF GEOGRAPHIC CONTRASTS (Pages 213–215)

What are some of the geographic contrasts in Africa?

Africa is the second largest continent in the world. It stretches 4,600 miles from east to west and 5,000 miles from north to south. It has about one-fifth of the earth’s land. Much of the land is a high plateau, with lower land near the coasts. The rivers that flow along this high land often form waterfalls or rapids. As a result, boats cannot use these rivers to travel either to or from the coast. Also, the coast has few harbors for so large a landmass.

Africa has many different environments. There are hot, dry deserts; steamy, wet rain forests; and high, cool mountains.

About a third of Africa’s land is desert. Few people live there. Deserts form a barrier to people who want to move from one area to another. The Sahara Desert in the north of Africa is about one-third the size of the United States. Dense rain forests cover much of the central part of Africa.

The northern and southern regions of Africa have large numbers of people. Most Africans live on the savannas, grasslands that cover almost half of the continent. They grow grains, including rice and wheat, and tend cattle.

The land at the southern edge of the Sahara Desert is the Sahel. Each year, the Sahara Desert takes over a little more of this Sahel.

1. Name three contrasting features of African geography.

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EARLY HUMANS ADAPT TO THEIR ENVIRONMENTS (Pages 215–216)

When and where did people begin to farm?

The first humans in Africa got food by hunting animals and gathering plants. Even today, some African peoples still use this method to get food.

Over time, these people learned to tame animals and raise them for food. Like the hunters and gatherers, these herdsmen were nomadic people. As they moved, they looked for grass and for water for their animals. When food or water was used up in one area, they moved to another.

About 10,000 B.C., some people in Africa began to farm. People used to farm in the area of the Sahara before it became a desert. They also farmed in the Nile Valley and West Africa or on the grasslands. Some moved to the rain forest.

2. Where did African people settle and begin farming?

EARLY SOCIETIES IN WEST AFRICA (Pages 216–217)

How did early societies live?

The diverse environments of Africa created much variety in the way different African peoples lived. The people who lived south of the Sahara, though, had these features in common:

- They believed that one god created the world. Their beliefs included animism. They felt that plants, animals, and other natural forces all have spirits that play an important role in life.
- They relied on oral storytelling, rather than writing, to pass on the traditions of their people. In West Africa, for example, storytellers, or griots, kept history alive.

3. What features did people living south of the Sahara have in common?

WEST AFRICAN IRON AGE (Pages 217–219)

Who were the Iron Age societies?

The West African Nok culture existed from about 500 B.C. to A.D. 200. The Nok people made pottery figures and were the first people in Africa who knew how to make iron. Some styles of Nok pottery are still found in Africa today.

Djenné-Djeno is the oldest known African city south of the Sahara. It is located on the banks of the Niger River. It dates from about 250 B.C. About 50,000 people lived there at its height. At first, they lived in round huts made of reeds and covered with mud. Later they lived in houses of mud bricks. They grew rice, raised cattle, and made iron. They traded these goods for gold and copper.

4. What is Djenné-Djeno?
Migration Case Study: Bantu-Speaking Peoples

Terms and Names

**migration**  A permanent move from one area to another

**push-pull factors**  Reasons attracting or driving people to move

**Bantu-speaking peoples**  People who speak one of a group of languages related to Bantu

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about African societies populating the continent. In this section, you will read about the causes and effects of migration in Africa among Bantu-speaking peoples.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify causes and effects of specific events related to Bantu migration.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

(Pages 220–221)

**What are the main reasons for migrations?**

Throughout human history, many peoples have felt the urge to move from their homes to a new land. This movement is called **migration**. There are many reasons that people make such a move. But they can be grouped into three main causes. They are environmental change, economic pressure, political and religious persecution.

Reasons people move into or out of an area are called **push-pull factors**. People may be attracted or pulled into an area because they see economic advantages. Or they may move because they want freedom. Sometimes people are pushed out of an area because the environment changes and it is impossible to live there. Other times people may leave to find security or peace that cannot be found in their area. These are examples of push factors.

In studying times before written history, researchers look for clues to migrations. One clue they use is language. People take their language with them when they move to a new place. When historians find two languages from two distant areas that have words that are somewhat similar, they can conclude that those two languages may have both come from the same language. However, some time later the original speakers of the language moved apart. Then the two languages changed independently. This kind of clue has given historians a way of understanding the early history of Africa.

1. Name three key reasons for migration.
MASSIVE MIGRATIONS
(Pages 220–224)
Who were the Bantu-speaking peoples?
Many languages spoken in Africa today developed from the same parent language called Proto-Bantu. The speakers of all these different languages are called the Bantu-speaking peoples. The people who spoke Bantu first lived in a part of modern Nigeria. In the first few centuries A.D., they began to move south and east. Over time, they spread throughout Africa south of the Sahara Desert, reaching the southern tip around 500 years ago. They brought their language and their culture with them.

One of the reasons people moved had to do with their style of farming. They would clear an area and use it until the soil no longer could produce good crops. The people then needed to move to a new area to clear new ground.

Another reason they moved was that their farming was so successful. Farming helped them produce more food than they could by hunting and gathering. With more to eat, groups became larger and the land more crowded. They could not move north, where the Sahara Desert made a barrier. So they had to move farther and farther south.

As they reached new areas, the Bantu peoples met other peoples. Sometimes these meetings were violent. The Bantus, who knew how to make iron, had better weapons than those they met, who only had stone tools. Some of the peoples that they met are still found in Africa. But they live in small areas with very harsh environments. The Bantus took the better land.

2. Why did the Bantu peoples keep moving to new areas?

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The Kingdom of Aksum

Terms and Names

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<td>terraces</td>
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Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the migration of Bantu-speakers across parts of southern Africa. In this section, you will learn about the kingdom of Aksum and its role in trade.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to list the achievements of Aksum.

THE RISE OF THE KINGDOM OF AKSUM (Pages 225–226)

How did Aksum arise?

The peoples in East Africa had a great deal of contact with people from other areas. The Kushite kingdom of Nubia had close relations with Egypt. Its kings even ruled Egypt for a while. That kingdom continued for many centuries as a trading power. It was then replaced by the kingdom of Aksum in what is now modern Ethiopia. The dynasty that ruled Aksum and later Ethiopia included the 20th-century ruler Haile Selassie.

Aksum may have begun as early as 1000 B.C. when Arabian traders mixed with the people of Kush. It became an important part of world trade. Salt, emeralds, brass, copper, gold, cloth, olive oil, and wine all moved through Aksum. Its trade routes helped link Rome to India. Traders crowded into its chief seaport, Adulis.

In the early A.D. 300s, Aksum had a strong new king named Ezana. He brought the kingdom to its height during his rule. Ezana captured more land on the Arabian peninsula, and then conquered Kush in 350.

1. Why was Aksum an important trading center?

AN INTERNATIONAL CULTURE DEVELOPS (Pages 227–228)

What was unique about Aksum’s culture?

Aksum was an international trading center. It was home to peoples from many different cultures. There were people from Aksum’s widespread trading partners, including Egypt, Arabia, Greece, Rome, Persia, India, and even Byzantium.
At the time of King Ezana, these different peoples all spoke to one another in Greek. The Aksumites, like other ancient Africans, traditionally believed in one god. They also worshiped the spirits of nature and honored their dead ancestors. During his rule, King Ezana decided to become a Christian. The religion slowly spread throughout the land.

The people of Aksum also developed a special way of building. They made structures out of stone, not mud baked into bricks by the hot sun. Their kings built tall pillars of stone that reached as high as 60 feet. They were among the tallest structures in the ancient world.

Aksum made other advances as well. Aside from Egypt and the city of Meroë, it was the only culture of ancient Africa to have a written language. The language of Aksum had been brought to the land by Arab traders many hundreds of years before. Aksum was also the first state south of the Sahara to mint its own coins.

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The people of Aksum also developed a new way of farming. They cut terraces, steplike ridges, into the steep mountainsides in their country. The terraces helped the land hold water instead of letting it run down the mountain in a heavy rain. This was called terrace farming. The people of Aksum also used dams and stone tanks to store water and used ditches to channel it to their fields.

2. What achievements and advances were made in Aksum?

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THE FALL OF AKSUM (Page 229)

Why did Aksum fall?

Aksum remained an important power in East Africa for 800 years. It was first challenged in the 600s, after the new religion of Islam came to Arabia. The followers of Islam captured the lands that Aksum held in the Arabian peninsula. Within a few decades, they had taken much of North Africa.

At first, these conquerors left Aksum alone. Aksum remained an island of Christianity in a sea of Islam. In 710, however, the conquerors destroyed Adulis. The Aksum kings moved their capital over the mountains to a hard-to-reach area, in present-day northern Ethiopia. Aksum was now cut off from other Christian lands. It was also isolated from the sea trade. Aksum began to decline as a world power.

3. Why did the rulers of Aksum move their capital?

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The Earliest Americans

Terms and Names

- **Beringia**: Land bridge between Asia and the Americas
- **Ice Age**: Time when sheets of ice covered large portions of North America
- **maize**: Corn; the most important crop of the Americas

Before You Read

In the last chapter, you read about African civilizations.

In this section, you will read about the Americas’ first inhabitants.

As You Read

Use a chart to list causes and effects of the development of the Americas.

A LAND BRIDGE (Pages 235–236)

**How did the earliest people come to the Americas?**

North and South America form a single stretch of land. It stretches from the Arctic Circle in the north to the waters around Antarctica in the south. The Atlantic and Pacific Oceans separate the Americas from Africa, Asia, and Europe.

But that was not always the case. From around 1.6 million years ago until about 10,000 years ago, the earth went through an **Ice Age**. During this time, huge sheets of ice called glaciers spread south from the Arctic Circle. The level of the world’s oceans went down. The lowered oceans exposed land that is today again covered by water.

One strip of land, called **Beringia**, connected Asia and North America. Wild animals crossed this rocky land bridge and entered North America for the first time. Some of the Asian people who hunted these animals followed them. The people became the first Americans.

No one knows for sure when these first people arrived. Some scholars say the people came to the Americas as long ago as 40,000 B.C. Others say as late as 12,000 B.C. A discovery in Chile suggests that people were well-settled in that part of the Americas by 10,500 B.C. Since Chile lies far south of the land bridge, some experts say that people needed many thousands of years to travel that far. For this reason, they think that the first people must have crossed the land bridge in about 20,000 B.C.

1. Where did the first Americans come from?

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HUNTERS AND GATHERERS (Page 236)

**How did early Americans live?**

These first Americans lived as hunters. One of their favorite hunting targets was the huge mammoth. Over time, however, all the mammoths died. People were forced to look for other food. They began to hunt smaller animals and to fish.
They also began to gather plants and fruits to eat. They no longer had to roam over large areas to search for the mammoth, so they settled for part of the year in one spot.

Between 12,000 and 10,000 B.C., the climate changed. The Ice Age ended, and the world warmed up again. The huge sheets of ice melted, and the oceans rose again to cover the land bridge that connected Asia to the Americas. By this time, though, people lived from north to south in the Americas. They lived in many different environments and found ways of life suited to the place where they lived.

2. What kinds of prey did the first Americans hunt?

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AGRICULTURE CREATES A NEW WAY OF LIFE (Page 238–239)

How did agriculture change ways of life?

About 7000 B.C., the people living in central Mexico started a quiet revolution—farming. It was the same kind of radical change that had happened in several spots in Asia and Africa. By 3400 B.C., they had several foods that they grew, including squashes, beans, chilies, and the most important one—*maize*, or corn. Corn grew so well that a family of three could, in four months, grow enough corn to feed it for two years.

Over many centuries, farming spread throughout the Americas. In what is now the eastern United States and in the region of the Andes, people may have discovered the idea of farming on their own. In central Mexico, farmers became so skilled at growing corn that they could enjoy three harvests each year.

Farming had the same results in the Americas that it did in Asia and Africa. Growing food gave people a larger and more reliable food supply. As more people could be fed, they were healthier and lived longer. As a result, the population grew.

Because farmers produced so much food, some people could concentrate on other ways of making a living. They began to work in different arts and crafts and learned new skills. Some people became rich. They owned more than others and enjoyed a higher position in society. Some people became rulers. Others became their subjects.

3. Why was maize so important?

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Early Mesoamerican Civilizations

Terms and Names

**Mesoamerica** Area that stretches south from central Mexico to the northern part of modern-day Honduras

**Olmec** People who flourished along the Mesoamerican coast of the Gulf of Mexico from 1200 B.C. to 400 B.C.

**Zapotec** Early Mesoamerican civilization that was centered in the Oaxaca Valley of what is now Mexico

**Monte Alban** First urban center in the Americas, built by the Zapotec

**Before You Read**

In the last section, you read about the first inhabitants of the Americas.

In this section, you will read about the first civilizations in America.

**As You Read**

Use a Venn diagram to compare Olmec and Zapotec cultures.

**THE OLMEC (Pages 240–241)**

**Who were the Olmec?**

The story of American civilizations begins in Mesoamerica. This area stretches south from central Mexico to the northern part of present-day Honduras.

The earliest known American civilizations arose in southern Mexico, an area of hot rain forests. The people are called the Olmec. They flourished from about 1200 to 400 B.C. Their culture had a great influence on their neighbors and on peoples who lived long after them.

The Olmec lived along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico in a land of dense forests and heavy rains.

The land gave them many benefits. It had good clay that could be used for pottery. Wood and rubber could be taken from the forest. The mountains to the north had stone for building. The rivers could be used to move people and goods.

The soil was excellent for growing food.

Archaeologists have found earthen mounds, courtyards, and pyramids built of stones. On top of the mounds were many monuments made of stone. Some of these stone structures are very large. They weigh as much as 44 tons.

Researchers are not sure whether the Olmec sites were monuments to rulers or areas important for religious reasons. They do think that the Olmec had many gods who stood for important forces of nature.

The most important god, it seems, was the jaguar spirit. Many stone monuments show figures that are half-human and half-jaguar.

The Olmec traded goods and their culture with other people in the region. In return for the products they made, they received iron ore and different kinds of stone.
For some reason, the Olmec disappeared around 400 B.C. Historians still do not understand why. But their influence lived on.

1. What evidence of Olmec civilization has been found?

2. What evidence of Zapotec civilization has been found?

ZAPOTEC CIVILIZATION ARISES (Pages 242–243)
Who were the Zapotec?
Another important early culture of Mexico was that of the Zapotec people. Their home was to the southwest of the Olmec in a valley that had excellent soil for farming and plenty of rainfall. By about 1000 B.C. the Zapotec built stone platforms and temples. A few hundred years later, they developed a kind of writing and a calendar.

Around 500 B.C., the Zapotec built the first city in the Americas. The city was called Monte Alban. As many as 25,000 people lived there. The city lasted as late as A.D. 700. Monte Alban had tall pyramids, temples, and palaces made out of stone. It had an observatory that could be used to look at the stars. But the Zapotec culture collapsed. As with the Olmec, historians do not know why.

THE EARLY MESOAMERICANS’ LEGACY (Page 243)
How did the early Mesoamericans influence later peoples?
Both of these cultures left their mark on later cultures. The jaguar figure of the Olmec continued to appear in the sculpture and pottery of people who came later. Also, the look of Olmec towns—with pyramids, open space, and huge stone sculptures was repeated in later times. The ritual ball games of the Olmec continued to be played.

The Zapotec also shaped the lives of later peoples. Their way of writing and their calendar were used by other groups. The city of Monte Alban also influenced later peoples, who built their own cities in similar ways. These cities combined religious purposes with the needs of the common people who lived in them.

3. How did the Zapotec influence later peoples?
Societies Arise in the Andes

What geographic factors made it unlikely for a civilization to arise?

Other interesting civilizations arose in the Americas far to the south of the Olmec and Zapotec peoples. These civilizations grew in a very harsh environment—the Andes in South America. This mountain range has many peaks that are more than 20,000 feet high.

Toward the northern part of South America, along these mountains, lies the modern country of Peru. In this area, the mountains are steep and very rocky. Ice and snow cover the tops of the mountains during the entire year. Travel is hard.

The climate changes quickly from being hot during the day to bitter cold at night. The soil is poor.

It was in the mountains of this difficult land that a new civilization arose. That culture is called Chavín. It takes its name from a major ruin, Chavin de Huántar in the Andes. At this site, researchers have found pyramids, open spaces, and large mounds made of earth. The Chavín culture was at its height from 900 B.C. to 200 B.C. It is considered the first influential civilization in South America.

Scientists have found objects that suggest that the Chavín culture helped shape other cultures to the north and south of this site. At these other sites are the art styles and symbols of religion found at Chavin. Scientists think that the main site was not the center of a political empire but was the chief site of a spiritual or religious movement. People from other areas may have made trips to the main site to pay their respects. The Chavín culture, like the Olmec in Mexico, may have been a “mother culture,” one that gave the first form to the ideas and styles of the area.
1. What theories do scientists have about the Chavín culture?

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OTHER ANDEAN CIVILIZATIONS
FLOURISH (Pages 247–249)

What other Andean civilizations developed?

Two other important cultures arose in Peru. The Nazca culture developed along the coast of the Pacific Ocean in the south of Peru. It lasted from 200 B.C. to A.D. 600. The Nazca people built large and complex systems to bring water to their farmlands. They made beautiful cloth and pottery.

The Nazca are most famous for the Nazca Lines. They are huge pictures scraped on the surface of a rocky plain. The drawings include a monkey, a spider, some birds, and other creatures. The pictures are so large that they can be seen and appreciated only from high in the air. Some experts think that the Nazca drew these pictures for their gods to see.

The other culture of early Peru arose along the Pacific Coast but far to the north. This was the Moche culture. It lasted from A.D. 100 to A.D. 700. The Moche tapped into rivers that flowed down from the mountains. They built ditches to bring water to their fields. They raised corn, beans, potatoes, squash, and peanuts. They also fished, caught wild ducks and pigs, and hunted deer.

Archaeologists have found some tombs of the Moche people. They show that the culture had great wealth. They have found objects made of gold, silver, and jewels. The Moche people made beautiful pottery that showed scenes of everyday life. So, even though they never had a written language, it is possible to learn much about how they lived.

Eventually, the Moche culture also fell. As with the other peoples of the Americas, the reason for this fall is not known. For the next hundred years, other cultures would rise and fall in the Americas. But most of them remained separate from one another.

2. Name three characteristics of the Moche people.

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The Rise of Islam

DESERTS, TOWNS, AND TRADE ROUTES (Pages 263–264)

How did the desert help shape Arab life?

The harsh environment of the Arabian Peninsula left its mark on the Arab peoples. The land is almost completely covered by desert. The desert people were nomads. They herded animals, leading them from one fertile spot, or oasis, to another. Over time, many of these people, called Bedouins, began to live in towns and cities. They also began to trade goods.

By the early 600s, trade became an important activity in the Arabian Peninsula. Merchants from the north brought goods to Arabia. They traded for spices and other goods. They also brought new ideas.

At this time, some Arabs believed in one God, called Allah in Arabic. Others believed in many gods. Religious pilgrims came to Mecca to worship at an ancient shrine called the Ka’aba.

1. When and how did trade become important?

MUHAMMAD, PROPHET OF ISLAM (Pages 264–265)

Who was Muhammad?

Around the year 570, Muhammad was born into this Arab society. At around age 40, he took religion as his life’s mission.
According to Muslim belief, the angel Gabriel visited Muhammad and told him to speak the word of God to his people. Muhammad believed that he was the last of the prophets.

Muhammad began to teach that Allah was the one and only God. The religion based on his teachings is called Islam. Its followers are called Muslims.

At first many people in Mecca opposed Muhammad’s views. They feared Meccans would neglect traditional Arab gods. Muhammad and his followers were forced to leave Mecca for Yathrib (later called Medina) in 622. This became known as the Hijrah. The Hijrah was a turning point for Muhammad.

Gradually, Muhammad and his followers gained power. Finally, in 630, Muhammad went to the Ka’aba in Mecca and destroyed the idols. Many of the people of Mecca adopted Islam. They began to worship Allah as the only God. Muhammad died soon after, in 632. Much of the Arabian Peninsula was already united under Islam.

2. What was the Hijrah?

BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF ISLAM (Pages 267–268)

What do Muslims believe and practice?

Muslims have five duties to perform. These duties include faith, prayer, alms, fasting, and pilgrimage to Mecca. The duties show a person’s acceptance of the will of Allah:

- A Muslim must state the belief that, “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.”
- A Muslim must pray to Allah, facing Mecca, five times every day. This may be done at a mosque, an Islamic house of worship.
- A Muslim must give alms, or money for the poor, through a tax.
- A Muslim must fast during the holy month of Ramadan. Muslims eat only one meal a day, after sunset, every day during this month.
- A Muslim should perform the hajj—a trip to the holy city of Mecca—at least once in his or her life.

The central ideas of Islam are found in the Qur’an. Muslims believe this book states the will of Allah as revealed to Muhammad. Muslims are also guided by the example of Muhammad’s life, called the Sunna, and by a set of laws and rules, the shari’a.

Muslims believe that Allah is the same God that Jews and Christians worship. To Muslims, the Qur’an perfects the earlier teachings of God found in the Jewish Torah and the Christian Bible. Because their holy books were related to the Qur’an, Jews and Christians were called “people of the book” in Muslim societies.

3. What are the five duties of Muslims?
Islam Expands

Terms and Names

caliph  Highest political and religious leader in a Muslim government
Umayyads  Dynasty that ruled the Muslim Empire from A.D. 661 to 750
Shi’a  Branch of Islam whose members believe the first four caliphs are the rightful successors of Muhammad
Sunni  Branch of Islam whose members believe Ali and his descendants are the rightful successors of Muhammad
Sufi  Muslim who tries to achieve direct contact with God
Abbasids  Dynasty that ruled much of the Muslim Empire from A.D. 750 to 1258
al-Andalus  Muslim-ruled area in what is now Spain
Fatimid  Member of a Muslim dynasty that traced its ancestry to Muhammad’s daughter Fatima

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the rise of Islam.

In this section, you will read about the spread of Islam.

As You Read

Use a chart to summarize developments that occurred in Islam during the rule of the rightly guided caliphs, the Umayyads, and the Abbasids.

MUHAMMAD’S SUCCESSORS SPREAD ISLAM (Pages 269–270)

How did other leaders spread Islam?

When Muhammad died, his followers elected a new leader, Abu-Bakr. He had been loyal to Muhammad. He was given the title caliph. This means “successor” or “deputy.” A successor is a person who comes after and takes the place of someone else. A deputy is an assistant who acts on behalf of a leader who is absent.

Abu-Bakr reacted quickly when a group of Arabs abandoned Islam. He defeated them in battle over a two-year period. Abu-Bakr died soon after. But his army began to conquer new lands. By 750, the Muslim Empire stretched from the Indus River in India west to the Atlantic Ocean. Many of the people conquered by the Muslims accepted Islam. Some found the message of Islam appealing. Others liked the fact that by becoming Muslims they avoided paying a tax put only on non-Muslims. But the Qur’an prevented Muslims from forcing others to accept the religion. Muslim rulers allowed people to follow whatever beliefs they chose.

1. How did Abu-Bakr spread Islam?

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INTERNAL CONFLICT CREATES A CRISIS (Pages 270–271)

What disagreements arose?

After the murder of a ruling caliph in 656, different Muslim groups began to struggle for control of the empire. Ali, a cousin and son-in-law of Muhammad, was chosen caliph. After a few years, he was also killed. The system of electing caliphs died with him.

A family known as the Umayyads took control of the empire. They did not follow the simple life of earlier caliphs. Instead, they surrounded themselves with wealth. This created a split in the Muslim community.

Most Muslims accepted Umayyad rule. But a different view of the office of caliph also developed. The Shi’a group—the “party” of the deceased Ali—felt that caliphs needed to be relatives of Muhammad. Those who did not openly resist Umayyad rule became known as the Sunni. Among them were many Muslims who felt that the Umayyads had lost touch with their religion. Another group, the Sufi, reacted to the Umayyads’ life of luxury. The Sufis emphasized a more spiritual way of life.

2. How did the Shi’a and Sunni groups arise?

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CONTROL EXTENDS OVER THREE CONTINENTS (Pages 271–272)

What Muslim states arose?

After 750, there were Muslim caliphates on three continents. The Abbasids (750–1258) took power and murdered members of the Umayyad family.

The Abbasids controlled the lands of modern Iraq, Iran, and central Asia. They built the city of Baghdad in southern Iraq as their capital. They used their location to control the rich trade between China and Europe.

One Umayyad prince escaped the murders and went to Spain. Muslims known as Berbers already lived there. The prince set up a Muslim state called al-Andalus. The Umayyads of al-Andalus (756–976) controlled parts of Spain and North Africa. Another Muslim state—the Fatimid caliphate (909–1171)—sprang up in North Africa, This caliphate spread to western Arabia and Syria. Although the Muslims were divided politically, all of the different communities were linked by religion, language, culture, and trade.

3. Who were the Abbasids?

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Muslim Culture

Terms and Names

**House of Wisdom** Center of learning established in Baghdad in the 800s

**Calligraphy** Art of beautiful handwriting

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the expansion of Islam.

In this section, you will read about the cultural achievements of Muslim society.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to take notes on the key elements of Muslim culture.

**MUSLIM SOCIETY (Pages 273–274)**

*Where and how did Muslims live?*

The Muslim Empire included people of many different lands and cultures. Major cities arose in the Muslim world. They included Córdoba and Cairo, centers of Muslim rule in Spain and North Africa, and Baghdad, the Abbasid capital.

Muslim society was divided into four groups. At the top were people who were Muslims from birth. Next came those who converted to Islam. The third group included Jews, Christians, and Zoroastrians—protected because Muslims shared some of their beliefs. The fourth group was slaves, none of whom were Muslims.

According to Muslim law, women should obey men. But Muslim women still enjoyed more rights than did those living in European society at the time. The Qur’ân gave Muslim women some economic and property rights. In early Muslim society, women could also have an education and take part in public life. Later they lost those rights.

1. Name the four groups of Muslim society.

**MUSLIM SCHOLARSHIP EXTENDS KNOWLEDGE (Pages 274–276)**

*How did Muslim scholars keep learning alive?*

Muslims placed a high value on learning and scholarship. Muslim scholars added much to human knowledge. Europe was in chaos and much of the knowledge of Europeans was in danger of being lost. During this time, Muslim scholars collected ancient Greek, Indian, and Persian works of science and philosophy. The scholars translated these works into Arabic. One center of this study was the **House of Wisdom** in Baghdad. Later, this ancient learning returned to Europe when the works of Muslim scholars were translated.
ARTS AND SCIENCES FLOURISH
(Pages 276–278)

2. Explain how Muslim scholars helped save the learning of the West. 

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3. Name four achievements of Muslim scientists and mathematicians. 

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PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION
BLEND VIEWS (Pages 278–279)

4. Why was Ibn Rushd criticized?
The Byzantine Empire

Terms and Names

Justinian  Powerful ruler of Byzantine Empire
Justinian Code  Body of Roman law collected and organized by Justinian around A.D. 534
Hagia Sophia  Church destroyed by mobs of rioters in 532 and rebuilt by Justinian
patriarch  Leader of the Eastern church
icon  Religious image used in practices by eastern Christians
excommunication  Formal declaration that someone is no longer a member of the Church
Cyrillic alphabet  Alphabet invented by Saints Cyril and Methodius, in which most Slavic languages, including Russian, are written

Before You Read
In the last chapter, you read about the Muslim world.
In this section, you will learn about the Byzantine Empire.

As You Read
Use a diagram to show Justinian’s accomplishments as emperor of the New Rome.

A NEW ROME IN A NEW SETTING  (Page 301)

How did the Roman Empire change?
In the A.D. 300s, the emperor Constantine moved the capital of the Roman Empire to the east. He built a great new capital city, Constantinople. It was on the site of the old port city of Byzantium. Constantinople became the center of the empire. Power moved eastward.

The Roman Empire was officially divided in 395. The western area was overrun by German tribes. It did not exist after 476. However, the Byzantine, or eastern, part remained strong. It lasted for hundreds of years.

In 527, Justinian became the Byzantine emperor. He sent an army to try to regain control of Italy. He hoped to restore the Roman Empire once again. By about 550, Justinian ruled over almost all of the territory of the old Roman Empire.

1. Who was Justinian?

LIFE IN THE NEW ROME  (Pages 302–303)

What changes did Justinian bring?

Justinian directed legal experts to create a complete code of laws based on the laws of ancient Rome. This body of civil law—the Justinian Code—served the empire for 900 years.
Justinian also worked at making Constantinople a strong but also a beautiful capital. He built high, sturdy walls to protect the city from attack. The main street of the city was lined with shops and open-air markets. People bought and sold goods from Asia, Africa, and Europe there.

In 532, riots broke out against the emperor. Justinian’s troops maintained control of the city, killing thousands of rioters. A church called Hagia Sophia (“Holy Wisdom,” in Greek) had been destroyed by the mobs. Justinian rebuilt it to become the most beautiful church in the Christian world.

2. How did Justinian make Constantinople a strong and beautiful capital?

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THE EMPIRE FALLS (Page 304)

What weakened the empire?

The Byzantine Empire faced many dangers. A terrible disease broke out in 542. The illness killed thousands of people and returned every 8 to 12 years until about 700. This weakened the empire.

Also, the empire was forced to confront many enemies over the centuries. Constantinople remained safe during this time despite many attacks. Eventually, though, the empire shrank. By 1350, the empire included only the capital city and lands in the Balkans—part of southeastern Europe.

3. What were the two biggest problems the empire faced?

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THE CHURCH DIVIDES (Pages 304–306)

Why did the church divide?

Although it was based on the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire had developed a culture of its own. People in the Byzantine Empire spoke Greek, not Latin. They belonged to the Eastern Orthodox Church, not the Catholic Church. The Eastern Church was led by the patriarch, the leading bishop. However, even the patriarch had to obey the emperor.

The feeling of separateness from Rome grew worse when one emperor banned the use of icons. Icons are religious images used by eastern Christians to aid their devotions. The emperor thought this was like idol worship. Iconoclasm, or “icon breakers” went into churches destroying images. The pope supported the use of icons. One pope even ordered the excommunication of a Byzantine emperor. That means that the pope said the emperor could no longer be a member of the Church.

Slowly the Eastern and Roman churches grew further apart. In 1054, the schism, or split, became permanent.

Some missionaries traveled from the Byzantine Empire to the north. Two missionaries, Saint Methodius and Saint Cyril developed an alphabet for the Slavic languages. Many Slavic languages, including Russian, are now written in what is called the Cyrillic alphabet.

4. What are two differences between the Eastern and Roman churches?

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The Russian Empire

Terms and Names

Slavs People from the forests north of the Black Sea
Vladimir Grandson of Olga who ordered all his subjects to adopt Christianity
Yaroslav the Wise Russian ruler who helped Kiev gain power and wealth
Alexander Nevsky Russian noble who gained power in Moscow
Ivan III Moscow prince who led rebellion against Mongol rule
czar Russian emperor

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about the establishment and decline of the Byzantine Empire.
In this section, you will learn about the emergence of Russia.

As You Read
Use a chart to show how Mongol rule affected different parts of Russian society.

RUSSIA’S BIRTH (Pages 307–308)

Who were the Slavs?
The Slavs lived in what is today eastern Russia. The area was bounded by the Ural Mountains and the Black Sea on the south and the Baltic Sea on the north.
The Slavs lived in the forest areas. They worked as farmers and traders. In the 800s, some Vikings called the Rus came from the north. They built forts along the rivers and blended with the Slavic people. They founded the cities of Novgorod and Kiev and became the rulers of the land. They began to trade in Constantinople. With them, they brought furs, timber, and the Slavs who were their subjects. They sold these people as slaves. In fact, the word slave comes from Slav.

Over time, the Vikings adopted the culture of the Slavs. Divisions between Vikings and Slavs disappeared. In 957 Princess Olga of Kiev converted to Christianity. Her grandson, Vladimir, also converted to Byzantine Christianity. He was the ruler of Russia. He ordered all of his subjects to adopt this religion. Now more than trade linked Russia to the Byzantine Empire.

Russia also looked to Constantinople for religious leadership. Teachers from the empire gave the Russian people instructions in the new religion. The king liked the idea that the ruler of the empire was also the head of the church.

1. How did Olga and Vladimir influence the Slavic people?
KIEV’S POWER AND DECLINE
(Pages 308–309)

**What caused Kiev’s rise?**

Under the influence of Byzantine culture, Kiev grew to be a large, wealthy, and cultured city. It continued to grow as Vladimir took land to the west and to the north. His son, Yaroslav the Wise, came to power in 1019. He proved to be an able ruler as well. Under him, Kiev grew even more wealthy through trade and alliances made with western nations.

Then the state centered in Kiev began to have problems. After Yaroslav’s death in 1054, his sons fought one another for control of the land. Trade declined, cutting the wealth of Kiev.

2. What caused Kiev’s decline?

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THE MONGOL INVASIONS; RUSSIA BREAKS FREE (Pages 309–311)

**How did the Mongol invasions change Russia?**

In the middle 1200s, the Mongols reached Kiev. They quickly overran the Russian state, killing many people. The Mongols held control of the area for more than 200 years.

The Mongols had been fierce conquerors, but they were not harsh rulers. As long as the Russian people did not rebel, the Mongols let them keep their customs, including their Eastern Christian religion.

The Mongols made the Russians pay tribute, a sum of money that was owed every year. They used Russian nobles to collect the tribute. One of those nobles, Alexander Nevsky, gained power. His heirs became princes of Moscow. They later used this city as their base of power.

Control by the Mongols had important effects on Russia. It isolated the Russians from western Europe. Russian society developed in its own way. Rule by the Mongols united many different areas of Russia under one central authority. Before then, what is now Russia had been ruled by a number of princes. Mongol rule also led to the rise of Moscow, which had a good location near three major rivers—the Dnieper, the Don, and the Volga.

Ivan I increased the influence of Moscow. Overtime, Ivan and his successors added to the land that Moscow controlled. In the late 1400s, under Ivan III, Russia grew to be a mighty empire. In 1453, the Byzantine Empire had fallen, defeated by the Turks. In 1472, Ivan married the niece of the last Byzantine emperor. From that time, he called himself czar—the Russian version of Caesar. In 1480, Ivan finally broke with the Mongols.

3. Name three effects of Mongol rule on Russia.

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The Turks were nomads from central Asia. They lived by herding sheep and goats. They traded with the settled peoples of the Abbasid Empire.

Beginning in the 900s, they moved into the lands of that empire and began converting to Islam.

The Turks were fierce and highly skilled fighters. The rulers of the empire began to buy them as children to train them for their armies. These Turkish military slaves were known as mamelukes. The Turks became an important political factor in the empire. Turkish soldiers many times removed caliphs from the throne in Baghdad and put new rulers in their place.

While the Turkish influence was growing, the empire itself was shrinking. Local leaders in several areas split off to establish their own states. In 945, a Persian army seized control of the empire. Members of the Abbasid family continued to hold the position of caliph and act as religious leaders. The new rulers of the government were from outside the dynasty. They were called sultans.

Large numbers of Turks settled in the empire as these changes took place. They were called Seljuks after the name of the family that led them. In 1055, the Seljuks captured Baghdad and took control of the government. The Seljuks used their force to take land from another empire—the Byzantine Empire. They won almost all of Anatolia. Anatolia was the name for the peninsula where modern Turkey is located. In this position, the Seljuks stood almost at the gates of Constantinople.

The Seljuks relied on the government experience of Persians in ruling their empire. They chose the Persian city of Isfahan as the capital of their kingdom.
They gave Persians important positions in the government. For example, Nizam al-Mulk was a Persian who served as vizier, or prime minister. In return, Persians became loyal supporters of Turkish rule.

The Turks also adopted Persian culture. The nomadic Seljuk Turks had arrived in Southwest Asia as basically illiterate. They were not familiar with the traditions of Islam, which they had just adopted. They looked to Persian scholars to teach them the proper way to follow Islam. They began to use the Persian language for art and education. Turkish rulers even took the Persian word for “king”—shah—as their title.

One of the greatest Seljuk rulers, Malik Shah, became a patron of the arts. He made the capital city more beautiful by building many mosques, or Muslim houses of worship. Persian became so important that Arabic—the language of the Qur’an—almost died out in Seljuk lands.

1. What influence did Persians and Persian culture have on the Seljuks?

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SELJUKS CONFRONT CRUSADERS AND MONGOLS (Pages 316–317)

Why did the Seljuk Empire collapse?

After Malik Shah died unexpectedly in 1092, the Seljuk Empire collapsed quickly. Weak rulers could not maintain it. Collapse was also due to the Crusades. Rulers in western Europe sent armies to capture the holy lands of the Middle East. These were places sacred to Christians.

The First Crusade began in 1095, and the Christian armies captured Jerusalem. They established a Latin Kingdom that lasted about a century. Eventually, the Turks gathered enough strength to fight back. They retook the city in 1187.

Just when the Crusades became less of a threat to the Muslim world, the Mongols moved in from the east. They were led by a brutal leader, Genghis Khan. They killed tens of thousands of people and overran huge stretches of territory. Baghdad was captured in 1258. The Mongols killed the last caliph and took control of the government from the Seljuk Turks.

2. What brought the Seljuk Empire to an end?

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### Terms and Names

**Tang Taizong** Great emperor of the Tang Dynasty  
**Wu Zhao** Tang ruler and only woman in China ever to assume the title of emperor  
**movable type** Wood or metal blocks, each with a single character, that can be arranged to make up a page for printing  
**gentry** Powerful upper class

### Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the Turkish empires. In this section, you will read about changes in China during the Tang and Song dynasties.

### As You Read

Use a Venn diagram to note the similarities and differences between the Tang and Song dynasties.

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**THE TANG DYNASTY EXPANDS CHINA** *(Pages 323–324)*

**What changes occurred during the Tang Dynasty?**

Starting in A.D. 220, China went through a long period of troubles. There were no strong rulers. China was not united. Then in 589, Wendi brought order. He united the northern and southern regions. He also named himself the first emperor of the Sui Dynasty.

This dynasty lasted only about 30 years. Just two rulers reigned. Both were important. They built the Grand Canal. This waterway connected China’s two major rivers. The canal was a trade route between northern and southern China. Cities were in the north. Areas that grew rice were in the south.

The Tang Dynasty followed. It lasted for 300 years. **Tang Taizong** was a mighty emperor. He and other Tang rulers made the empire larger. They gained back lands lost since the fall of the Han Dynasty. **Wu Zhao** was another great Tang leader. She was the only woman ever to rule China as emperor. During her reign, parts of Korea were added to the dynasty.

Early Tang rulers made the government stronger. They extended the network of roads and canals, helping to tie the empire together.

Schools were set up to train people for political jobs. They had to pass tough tests. Only then could people work for the government.

By the mid-700s, the Tang Dynasty had begun to weaken. Rulers charged heavy taxes. The Chinese people faced more hardship. Invaders attacked the empire’s lands. Chinese rebels became violent. In 907, they killed the last Tang ruler.

1. How did Tang rulers change China?

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THE SONG DYNASTY RESTORES CHINA (Pages 324–325)

What happened during the Song Dynasty?

The Song Dynasty replaced the Tang Dynasty. The Song Dynasty also lasted about 300 years. Its empire was smaller than the Tang. But China was still strong under Song rule.

This dynasty did have military troubles, though. Invaders forced the Song to move south. The dynasty of the Southern Song arose in 1127.

2. How was the Song Dynasty related to the Tang Dynasty?

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AN ERA OF PROSPERITY AND INNOVATION (Pages 325–326)

What advances occurred during the Tang and Song periods?

During the Tang and Song rule, the Chinese made many advances. They invented useful things. Movable type made printing faster. Gunpowder was another important invention. It led to the design of exploding weapons. The Chinese made progress in farming, too. They improved ways of growing rice.

Trade increased under the Tang and Song emperors. Goods were carried over land routes. Later, ocean trade became important. Ideas were also exchanged.

Buddhism spread. This religion traveled from China to Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.

The Tang and Song dynasties were creative periods. Great poets wrote about life. Artists made beautiful paintings.

3. Name three advances in technology.

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CHANGES IN CHINESE SOCIETY (Page 327)

How did China change under the Tang and Song?

Chinese society changed during the Tang and Song periods. The old noble families lost power. Key officials in government gained power. They formed a new upper class. This wealthy group is called the gentry.

Next came the middle class. They lived in the cities. People such as store owners and traders belonged to this group. Below them were workers, soldiers, and servants. In country areas, peasants made up the largest class. The position of women became worse.

4. What social changes occurred in China during the Tang and Song periods?

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Empires in East Asia

The Mongol Conquests

Terms and Names

- **pastoralist**: Person who herds tamed animals
- **clan**: Large group of people related to a common ancestor
- **Genghis Khan**: Leader who brought together the Mongol clans
- **Pax Mongolica**: “Mongol Peace,” a period from mid-1200s to mid-1300s when Mongols imposed order across much of Eurasia

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the Tang and Song dynasties.

In this section, you will read about the rise and conquests of the Mongols.

As You Read

Use a chart to list the series of events leading to the creation of the Mongol Empire.

NOMADS OF THE ASIAN STEPPE

(Pages 330–331)

**How did the nomads of the Asian steppe live?**

Much of Central Asia is covered by dry grassland. Such a region is called the steppe. Very little rain falls on the steppe. Only short hardy grasses grow in this dry region. It gets very cold in winter and very hot in the summer.

Herders lived in this area. They were pastoralists. They herded domesticated animals. The herders were nomads. They moved from place to place. They searched for grass to feed the sheep and goats.

Herders often rode on horseback. They traveled together in large groups. These groups formed clans. The clans were made up of people related to a common ancestor.

The nomads often rode out from the steppes and made contact with the settled peoples who lived in towns and villages.

Often they traded peacefully with one another. But sometimes the nomads attacked the villages and took what they wanted by force. A nomadic group, called the Mongols, became very powerful.

1. Name three characteristics of the nomads of the steppes.

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THE RISE OF THE MONGOLS

(Pages 331–332)

**Who united the Mongols?**

Around 1200, a leader tried to bring the Mongol clans together. His name was Temujin. In 1206, he took the title **Genghis Khan**. This means “universal ruler.” Over the next 21 years, he ruled the Mongols. They conquered much of Central Asia, including parts of China.
Genghis Khan enjoyed military success for several reasons. First, he organized his soldiers well. He followed the Chinese model of creating armies of 10,000 men. The armies were broken into brigades of 1,000 men, companies of 100 men, and platoons of 10 men.

Second, Genghis Khan was able to trick his enemies. He set traps for his opponents. He sometimes had his cavalry retreat. Then, when the enemy gave chase, the rest of the Mongol army would appear and charge the enemy.

Third, he used cruelty. His terror made many of his enemies surrender.

2. Name three reasons for the success of the Mongols as conquerors.

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By 1260, the Mongol Empire was divided into four areas. These were called khanates. Each was ruled by a descendant of Genghis Khan.

The Mongols destroyed many things in their invasions. Some towns were completely wiped out. They destroyed irrigation systems in the Tigris and Euphrates valleys. People could no longer live in some of those areas.

Over time, Mongol rulers borrowed from the cultures in the areas they ruled. Rulers in the west became Muslims. Those in China used Chinese inventions. Differences in culture split up the Empire.

The Mongols were able rulers. They brought about a long period of peace, called the Pax Mongolica, in Central Asia. Trade thrived. The exchange of ideas between Asia and Europe increased. However, the Mongols may have also brought the bubonic plague to Europe. In the 1300s, this deadly disease killed many people in Europe.

3. What were two effects of the Mongol empire on Central Asia?

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Empires in East Asia

Section 3

The Mongol Empire

Terms and Names

Kublai Khan  Mongol leader and Chinese emperor
Marco Polo  Traveler from Venice who served Kublai Khan for 17 years

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the rise of the Mongols and their conquests.

In this section, you will read about the Mongol leader who became emperor of China.

As You Read

Use a diagram to show the impact of Kublai Khan on East Asia.

Kublai Khan becomes Emperor (Pages 335–336)

How did Kublai Khan rule China?

Genghis Khan began the conquest of China in 1215. His grandson, Kublai Khan, conquered all of China in 1279. He was the first foreigner to rule the whole country.

Kublai Khan became China’s new emperor. He began the Yuan Dynasty. It ruled China for less than 100 years. This era was important. Kublai Khan united China for the first time in 300 years. He opened China to more foreign trade. The Mongols did not disrupt Chinese government or culture. Kublai Khan built a new capital. It was located in the modern city of Beijing.

The Mongols tried to conquer other lands. Kublai Khan attacked Japan in 1274 and 1281. The Mongols forced the Koreans to build and supply ships for the planned invasions. It was very expensive and almost ruined Korea. Both attacks failed. The second failed because a typhoon destroyed the Mongol fleet.

1. Why was the Yuan Dynasty important in Chinese history?

Mongol Rule in China (Pages 336–337)

What changes occurred under Mongol rule?

Mongol rulers were very different from the Chinese. The Mongols kept the top government jobs for themselves. They also hired many people from other lands for these posts. Mongol rulers did not trust the Chinese.

Kublai Khan was a great leader. He restored the Grand Canal. He helped foreign trade increase. Chinese goods such as silk and porcelain were in demand. Western Asia and Europe wanted Chinese inventions. These included gunpowder and paper money.
Kublai Khan welcomed merchants from other countries to China. **Marco Polo** was a trader from Venice, Italy. He came to Kublai Khan’s court around 1275. Polo learned several Asian languages and served under Kublai Khan for 17 years. Polo traveled to different Chinese cities in his work for Kublai Khan.

Polo returned to Italy in 1292. He told amazing stories about his journeys. He described China’s cities, riches, and customs. He also recorded the way the Khan’s government worked. Later, Polo’s tales were collected in a book. The book was popular in Europe.

2. **How did Kublai Khan help China?**

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3. **How did Mongol rule end?**

In the last years of his rule, Kublai Khan ran into trouble. Attacks on Southeast Asia failed. Many lives and much equipment were lost.

To pay for these wars, as well as public works and the luxuries enjoyed by the Yuan court, the Khan raised taxes. The Chinese resented the heavy burden these taxes placed on them.

Kublai Khan died in 1294. Afterward, Mongol leaders struggled for power. They fought over control of the empire. These fights weakened Mongol rule.

Rebellions broke out in many parts of China in the 1300s. In 1368, Chinese rebels took over the government. Mongol rule ended. The rebels set up a new dynasty. It was called the Ming.

By this time, the whole Mongol Empire was falling apart. Mongols lost control of Persia and Central Asia. The Mongols held on to Russia, though, until 1480.

3. **Name two reasons why Mongol rule came to an end.**

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THE END OF MONGOL RULE

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Feudal Powers in Japan

Terms and Names

Shinto  Japan’s earliest religion, based on respect for nature and worship of ancestors
samurai  Japanese warrior who served a lord
Bushido  Code that samurai lived by—“the way of the warrior”
shogun  Highest military commander in feudal Japan, ruling in the name of the emperor

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about Mongol rule in China.

In this section, you will learn about the early Japanese and their system of government.

As You Read

Use a time line to record the main periods and events in Japanese history from 300 to 1300.

The Growth of Japanese Civilization (Pages 339–340)

How did geography help shape Japan?

Japan benefited from its location. It was near China. Thus Chinese culture influenced Japan. However, there was enough distance between these two countries to make Chinese attacks difficult.

Japan is made up of about 4,000 islands. They vary in size. Most people live on the four largest islands. The country has many mountains. There is not much good farmland. The islands have few natural resources, such as coal and oil.

Early Japan was broken up into many small areas. Each was controlled by a clan. These clans believed in their own gods. Later, all these beliefs became combined. They formed Japan’s earliest religion, called Shinto. The main ideas of Shinto are respect for nature and the worship of ancestors.

In the 400s, the Yamato clan became the most powerful clan. The Yamato claimed that they were related to a sun goddess. By the 600s, Yamato leaders began to call themselves emperors. The emperor remained an important figure in Japan.

1. Who were the Yamato?

Japanese Culture; Life in the Heian Period (Pages 340–341)

How did Chinese culture influence Japanese culture?

By the 400s, contact between China and Japan grew. Japan became more aware of Chinese ways. Buddhism from China reached Japan. It became an important religion in Japan.

Japan’s emperor sent people to China to learn about its culture. The Japanese adopted the Chinese system of writing.
Japanese artists imitated Chinese paintings. For a while, Japan even used China’s government as a model. Yet Japan still held on to its own traditions.

The years from 794 to 1185 are called the Heian Period. Heian was the new capital of the royal court. Japanese culture thrived there.

The gentleman and ladies of the court lived in splendor. Art and good manners formed the center of their lives. The best accounts of Heian society come from the writings of women of the court.

2. Name two parts of Chinese culture that Japan adopted.

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FEUDALISM ERODES IMPERIAL AUTHORITY (Pages 341–343)

How did feudalism arise in Japan?

Over time, the power of Japan’s central government decreased. Wealthy landowners lived away from the capital. They set up their own armies. These soldiers began to terrorize farmers. In exchange for protection, farmers gave up some of their land to the lords. This is how the feudal system began in Japan. It was similar to the feudal system in Europe during the Middle Ages.

Each lord used a group of trained soldiers. They were called samurai. They protected their lord from attacks by other lords. Samurai followed a strict code of behavior. It was called Bushido. This word means “way of the warrior.”

After a period of war, one of these lords arose as the most powerful. The emperor named him the shogun. This means “supreme general of the emperor’s army.” The emperor remained in power in name. But the new shogun ran the country. This pattern continued in Japan from 1192 to 1868.

3. Who were the samurai?

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Kingdoms of Southeast Asia and Korea

Terms and Names
Khmer Empire  Empire that ruled what is now Cambodia
Angkor Wat  Temple complex of the Khmer Empire
Koryu Dynasty  Dynasty that ruled Korea from 935 to 1392

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about early Japan and the rise of feudalism.
In this section, you will learn about smaller kingdoms in East and Southeast Asia.

As You Read
Use a chart to note important information on the kingdoms discussed in this section.

KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA
(Pages 344–347)
What was the Khmer Empire?
The region of Southeast Asia lies to the south of China. It includes mainland areas and many islands.

The region has never been united culturally or politically. Rivers and valleys cut through the mainland from north to south. Between the valleys are hills and mountains that make travel difficult in the region.

Political power in the area has often come from control of trade routes. This is because Southeast Asia lies on the most direct sea route between the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea.

India had a great influence on Southeast Asia. Hindu and Buddhist missionaries spread their faiths. Kingdoms in the area followed these religions as well as Indian political ideas. This early Indian influence on Southeast Asia is seen today in the region’s religions, languages, and art forms.

Chinese ideas spread to the area through trade and migration. Sometimes the Chinese exerted political influence over the region.

From about 800 to 1200, the Khmer Empire was the main power. It was located on the mainland of Southeast Asia in what is now Cambodia. Growing rice was its chief source of wealth. The Khmer used large irrigation works to bring water to their fields. Rulers built huge temples and palaces. One of these is called Angkor Wat. It is among the world’s greatest achievements in architecture.

At the same time, a dynasty called Srivijaya arose on Java. Java is an island. This dynasty reached its height from the 600s to the 1200s. Nearby islands fell under its rule. The capital, Palembang, was located on Sumatra. Palembang was a center for the study of Buddhism.
Vietnam fell under the influence of China. China controlled the area from about 100 B.C. to A.D. 900. Vietnam became an independent kingdom, known as Dai Viet, in 939.

The Vietnamese borrowed from Chinese culture. For example, Buddhism became important. The Vietnamese, though, kept their own culture. Women in Vietnam, for instance, had more rights than women in China.

1. What kingdoms arose in Southeast Asia?

KOREAN DYNASTIES (Pages 346–347)

How did China influence Korea?

Korea, like Japan and Vietnam, was influenced by China. Korea also preserved its own traditions. In 108 B.C., the Han Dynasty of China conquered Korea. Leaders set up a military government. From China, the Koreans learned about two religions—Buddhism and Confucianism. Koreans also learned about China’s central government and system of writing.

Korean tribes began to gather into groups. One group, the Silla, chased out the Chinese in the 600s and took control of the Korean peninsula.

By the 900s, Silla rule had weakened. A rebel leader named Wang Kon took power and set up the Koryu Dynasty. It ruled Korea from 935 to 1392. It had a government similar to China’s. Korea used examinations to fill government jobs. But this did not keep wealthy landowners from controlling society. The dynasty, though, produced great works of art—including celadon pottery, fine poetry, and wood blocks to print the entire Buddhist canon.

Korea fell to the Mongols. They were under the Mongols until the 1350s. The Mongols demanded heavy taxes. The Koreans rebelled. The Mongols lost power. Then a new dynasty, the Choson, took over Korea. It ruled for 518 years.

2. What was the Koryu Dynasty?
INVASIONS OF WESTERN EUROPE  
(Page 353)  
How did invasions by Germanic groups change Europe?  
The slow decline of the Roman Empire marked the beginning of a new era in European history called the Middle Ages. It lasted from around 500 to 1500.  
By the end of the fifth century, various Germanic groups invaded the Roman Empire in the west. These invasions led to a series of changes. Trade was halted. Moving goods from place to place became unsafe. Cities were no longer centers of trade and government. Many people fled to the countryside and returned to rural ways of life. People also became less educated.  
1. Name three effects of the Germanic invasions.

GERMANIC KINGDOMS EMERGE  
(Page 354)  
Who were these Germanic peoples?  
As Rome’s power faded, a new kind of government appeared. Warring Germanic groups carved out kingdoms. The borders of these kingdoms changed often because of warfare. There was no central rule.
Family ties and loyalty to a local leader bound Germanic peoples together. Europe was in chaos. The Church provided a sense of order, though.

The **Franks**, a Germanic people, established a large kingdom. It was located in the Roman province of Gaul. In 496, Clovis, the king of the Franks, and his warriors became Christian. From then on, the pope in Rome supported Clovis.

2. What new kind of government arose during Rome’s decline?

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**GERMANS ADOPT CHRISTIANITY**

*(Pages 354–355)*

**How did Christianity spread?**

Other Frankish rulers helped spread Christianity. The Church also tried to convert people. It set up religious communities called **monasteries**. There Christian men called monks devoted their lives to God. Nuns were women who led this religious way of life. Monasteries became centers of learning. Their libraries preserved some writings of ancient Rome.

The Church grew in importance when Gregory I became pope in 590. He made the pope the guardian of the spiritual lives of all Christians. He also made the pope a worldly, or **secular**, power in governing part of Italy. His influence in politics grew.

3. What role did monasteries play during this period?

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**AN EMPIRE EVOLVES** *(Pages 355–356)*

**How did the Carolingian Dynasty arise?**

The kingdom of the Franks covered much of modern France. By the 700s, the most powerful official was the mayor of the palace. He made laws and controlled the army.

In 719, Charles Martel became mayor of the palace. He expanded the lands controlled by the Franks. He also won a battle in 732. He defeated a Muslim force moving north from Spain. This victory ended the Muslim threat to Europe.

His son, Pepin, was crowned king. Pepin began the reign of the Frankish rulers called the **Carolingian Dynasty**. One of Pepin’s sons, **Charlemagne**, became king of the whole Frankish kingdom in 771.

4. Who were Charles Martel and Pepin?

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**CHARLEMAGNE BECOMES EMPEROR** *(Pages 356–357)*

**What did Charlemagne achieve?**

Charlemagne had great military skill. He made his kingdom larger than any other known since ancient Rome. By 800, he held most of modern Italy, all of modern France, and parts of modern Spain and Germany. Pope Leo III crowned him emperor. This event marked the joining of Germanic power, the Church, and the heritage of the Roman Empire.

Charlemagne cut the power of the nobles in his empire and increased his own. He traveled throughout his lands, visiting the people and judging cases. He revived learning. However, Charlemagne’s empire fell apart soon after his death.

5. What was important about Charlemagne’s being crowned as emperor?
Feudalism in Europe

Terms and Names
- lord: Landowner
- fief: Land granted by a lord to a vassal
- vassal: Person receiving a fief from a lord
- knight: Warrior on horseback who promised to defend his lord’s land in exchange for a fief
- serf: Peasant who could not lawfully leave the place where he or she was born
- manor: Lord’s estate
- tithe: Church tax; usually one-tenth of a peasant family’s income

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about Charlemagne and his empire.
In this section, you will read about feudalism.

As You Read
Use a diagram to show the causes and effects of feudalism.

INVADERS ATTACK WESTERN EUROPE (Pages 358–360)
Who invaded Western Europe?
Between 800 and 1000, new invasions threatened Europe. From the north came the most feared fighters of all. They were the Vikings, or Norsemen.
The Vikings raided villages and monasteries. By around the year 1000, though, the Vikings had settled down in many parts of Europe. They adopted Christianity and stopped raiding to become traders and farmers.
The Magyars were Turkish nomads. They attacked from the east and reached as far as Italy and western France. They sold local people as slaves. The Muslims struck from the south. They attacked areas along the Atlantic and Mediterranean coast.
The attacks by Vikings, Muslims, and Magyars made life in western Europe difficult. People suffered and feared for their futures. With no strong central government, they went to local leaders for protection.

1. Why did the people need to turn to local leaders for help?

A NEW SOCIAL ORDER: FEUDALISM (Page 360)
How did feudalism affect society?
Europe’s feudal system arose around the ninth and tenth centuries. Feudalism was based on an agreement between a lord, or landowner, and a vassal, a person who received land from a lord. In exchange for land, or a fief, a vassal promised to help his lord in battle.
Under feudalism, society in Western Europe was divided into three groups. Those who fought were the nobles and knights. Those who prayed were the officials of the Church. Those who worked were the peasants. Peasants were by far the largest group. Most peasants were serfs, who were not free to move about as they wished. They were tied to the land of their lord.

2. What were the three main groups of feudal society?

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MANORS: THE ECONOMIC SIDE OF FEUDALISM (Pages 360–363)

What was life like on a manor?

The lord’s land was called the manor. Manors became the centers of economic life. The lord gave peasants some land, a home, and protection from raiders. The lord controlled much of their lives. The peasants worked the land to grow food, giving part of each year’s crop to the lord. They paid taxes on their grain. Peasants also paid a tax, called a tithe, to the Church.

Peasants lived in small villages of 15 to 30 families. They produced almost everything they needed. Peasants rarely traveled far from their homes.

Life on the manor was often harsh. Peasants’ cottages had just one or two rooms with only straw mats for sleeping. They had poor diets. Peasants endured these conditions. They believed that God had set their place in society.

3. What was the job of peasants on the manor?

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The Age of Chivalry

Terms and Names

chivalry Code of behavior for knights, stressing ideals such as courage, loyalty, and devotion
tournaments Staged battles for entertaining audiences and training knights
troubadours Poet-musicians at the castles and courts of Europe

Before You Read

In the last section, you read how feudalism shaped society.

In this section, you will read about the code of chivalry for knights and its influence.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to identify the ideas associated with chivalry.

KNIGHTS: WARRIORS ON HORSEBACK (Pages 364–365)

What was the role of knights?

Nobles were constantly at war with one another. They raised private armies. The armies included knights, soldiers who fought on horseback. These knights became the most important warriors during the Middle Ages.

By the 11th century, nobles used their armies of mounted knights to fight for control of land. When nobles won battles, they gave some of the new land to their knights. The knights could use the wealth from this land to pay for weapons, armor, and horses. Knights devoted much of their time to improving their skill at fighting.

1. What was the main duty of knights?

KNIGHTHOOD AND THE CODE OF CHIVALRY (Pages 365–367)

What was required of a knight?

By the 1100s, a new code of conduct for knights arose. This code of chivalry required that knights fight bravely for three masters: their lord, God, and their chosen lady. Knights were also required to protect the weak and poor. While the code set high standards, most knights failed to meet all of the standards.

The son of a noble began training to become a knight at an early age. At around age 7, his parents sent him off to the castle of another lord. There he would learn good manners. The boy would also practice fighting skills. At around age 14, he would become the servant of a knight. Then at age 21, he would finally become a knight himself.

Knights gained experience by fighting in combats called tournaments. These were fierce, but real battles, especially those fought at castles, were far more violent.
To protect their lands and homes, nobles built stone castles.

2. Give two examples of training for knighthood.

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THE LITERATURE OF CHIVALRY
(Pages 367–368)

What was the literature of chivalry about?

The literature about knights did not reflect real life. Many stories glorified castle life. Others centered on the code of chivalry. Songs and poems were often about a knight’s loyalty to the woman he loved. Some long poems, called epics, told the story of legendary kings, such as King Arthur and Charlemagne.

Troubadours were poet-musicians at the castles and courts of Europe. They wrote and sang about the joys and sorrows of romantic love. Many troubadours traveled to the court of Eleanor of Aquitaine. She was the rich, powerful ruler of a land in southern France.

3. Who were the troubadour’s songs about?

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WOMEN’S ROLE IN FEUDAL SOCIETY (Pages 368–369)

What were the roles of women?

Most women in feudal society had little power. The Church taught that they were inferior. But they played important roles in the lives of both noble and peasant families.

Noblewomen could sometimes rule the land when their husbands were away from home. But they could not inherit land. It usually passed from father to son. In reality, most noblewomen, young and old, were limited to activities in the home or in convents.

The vast majority of women during the Middle Ages were poor peasants. They held no power. They worked in the fields and took care of their families. Poor women struggled to survive—just as they had for centuries.

4. How were noble and poor women alike?

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The Power of the Church

Terms and Names

clergy Religious officials
sacrament Important religious ceremony
canon law Law of the church
Holy Roman Empire Kingdom originally made up of what is now Germany and Italy
lay investiture Appointment of religious officials by kings or nobles

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about knighthood and the literature of chivalry.

In this section, you will learn about power struggles between church leaders and political leaders.

As You Read

Use a chart to list the significant dates and events for the Holy Roman Empire.

THE FAR-REACHING AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH (Pages 370–371)

How did the Church control most aspects of life?

With the central governments of Europe weak, the Church became the most important force in unifying European society. An early pope believed that God had made two areas of influence in the world—religious and political. The pope was in charge of spiritual matters. The emperor and other rulers were in charge of political affairs. Over the years, though, the difference was not so clear. Popes often tried to influence the actions of rulers, who clashed with them in struggles for power.

The Church established its own organization. It consisted of different ranks of clergy, or church officials. At the bottom were the priests who led services at local churches. Above them were bishops, who oversaw all the priests in a large area. At the top was the pope. He was the head of the Church.

The Middle Ages was an Age of Faith. People were bound together by their belief in God and the teachings of the Church. Though their lives were hard, Christians during this time hoped for salvation—eternal life in heaven. One path for achieving this goal was through the sacraments. These were important religious ceremonies.

The law of the Church, called canon law, was a set of standards that applied to all Christians during the Middle Ages. These standards guided such matters as marriage and religious practices. The Church also set up courts. People who broke canon law were put on trial.

Two punishments were especially harsh. If the Church excommunicated a person, he or she was out of the Church.
The person was denied the chance for eternal life in heaven. Popes often used this power to threaten rulers. The other punishment was interdiction. When a ruler disobeyed the pope, the Church leader could place the land under interdiction. That meant that no sacred actions of the Church could officially take place there. The people of the area deeply feared this. They might then be doomed to eternal suffering in hell.

1. What powerful punishments could the Church hand down?

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The larger issue of lay investiture was left open until 1122. Then an agreement stated that only the pope could name bishops. However, the emperor had the right to turn down any appointment he did not like.

2. Why did Henry IV beg Pope Gregory VII for forgiveness?

THE CHURCH AND THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE; THE EMPEROR CLASHES WITH THE POPE

(Pages 371–372)

How did conflict develop between the pope and the Holy Roman emperor?

Otto I was the strongest ruler of medieval Germany. He set up an alliance with the Church. In 962, the pope crowned him emperor of what became the Holy Roman Empire.

The Holy Roman Empire was the strongest kingdom that arose from Charlemagne’s fallen empire. It was mainly made up of what is now Germany and Italy. One of Otto’s successors was Henry IV. He and Pope Gregory VII became caught in a conflict.

For a long time, rulers had the power to name the bishops who led the Church in their lands. This power was known as lay investiture. In 1075, Pope Gregory VII banned this practice. Henry IV was angry. He persuaded his bishops to say that this pope had no real authority. Gregory then excommunicated Henry. Henry’s nobles supported Gregory. So Henry begged the pope for forgiveness. The pope forgave him.

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DISORDER IN THE EMPIRE

(Page 373)

Who was Frederick I?

In the late 1100s, a strong German king came to power. His name was Frederick I. He repeatedly invaded the cities of Italy but lost an important battle in 1176. He then made peace with the pope.

When Frederick died in 1190, his empire fell apart. It was broken up into feudal states. These German states did not unify during the Middle Ages.

3. What happened to the Holy Roman Empire after Frederick I’s death?
Church Reform and the Crusades

Terms and Names

**simony**  Practice of selling positions in the church

**Gothic**  Style of architecture of the cathedrals during the Middle Ages

**Urban II**  Pope who called for the first Crusade

**Crusade**  A holy war

**Saladin**  Famous Muslim leader of the 1100s

**Richard the Lion-Hearted**  English king who fought Saladin in the Third Crusade

**Reconquista**  Effort by Christian leaders to drive the Muslims out of Spain

**Inquisition**  Church court that tried people suspected of having opposing religious beliefs

Before You Read

In the last section you read about the authority and role of the Church during the Middle Ages.

In this section you will read about changes in the Church and the launching of the Crusades.

As You Read

Use a time line to note important events in the Age of Faith.

**THE AGE OF FAITH (Pages 379–380)**

*What changes did the Church undergo?*

Starting in the 1000s, a new Age of Faith arose in Europe. It led to many changes.

Popes tried to end certain practices. One was the marriage of priests. Another was **simony**, or the selling of positions in the Church. A third problem was the appointment of bishops by kings. The Church felt it alone could appoint bishops.

In the early 1200s, a new Church group arose. They were called friars. They moved from place to place spreading the ideas of the Church. Women also played a role during the Age of Faith. Many entered convents to devote themselves to God.

1. **What three practices showed the Church needed reforming?**

**CATHEDRALS—CITIES OF GOD (Pages 380–381)**

*How did the new cathedrals reflect the new Age of Faith?*

The Age of Faith was shown in the building of great cathedrals. In the early 1100s, these huge churches were built in a style of architecture called **Gothic**.
The cathedrals were towering. Light streamed in through colorful stained-glass windows.

2. What was the new style of church architecture?

THE CRUSADES (Pages 382–383)

Why were the Crusades fought?

In 1093, the Byzantine emperor asked for help against Muslim Turks. They were threatening to conquer Constantinople. Pope Urban II urged the leaders of Western Europe to begin a holy war—a Crusade. He wanted Christians to gain control of Jerusalem and the entire Holy Land. Both knights and common people joined the Crusades. Their motive was deep religious feeling.

The First Crusade began in 1095. The Crusaders captured some of the Holy Land, including Jerusalem. Muslims won back some of this land. Then other Crusades followed. During the Second Crusade, the Muslim leader Saladin recaptured Jerusalem.

Three powerful European rulers led the Third Crusade. One was the English king Richard the Lion-Hearted. He fought Saladin. The two reached a truce. But the Crusades were not over.

The Fourth Crusade ended in disaster. In 1204, knights looted Constantinople. This helped make a lasting split between western and eastern Christian churches.

3. Why did people support the Crusades?

THE CRUSADING SPIRIT DWINDLES (Pages 383–384)

What happened to Muslims and Jews in Spain?

Christian rulers tried to drive the Muslims out of Spain. This long fight was called the Reconquista. It lasted from the 1100s until 1492.

Thousands of Jews lived in Spain. During the late 1400s, many Spanish Jews and Muslims became Christians. Jewish and Muslim converts were suspected of holding beliefs that differed from the teachings of the Church. Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain conducted the Inquisition. Suspects might be questioned for weeks and even tortured. Those who confessed were often burned at the stake.

4. What was the Reconquista?

THE EFFECTS OF THE CRUSADES (Pages 383–384)

What changes did the Crusades bring?

The Crusades had many effects on Europe. At first the Crusades showed the power of the Church in the lives of the believers. The failure of later Crusades cut the pope’s power. The deaths of many knights reduced the nobles’ power. Contact with the East revived trade. The Christians’ harsh treatment of Muslims in the Holy Land led to bitterness that has lasted to the present.

5. What are four effects of the Crusades?
Changes in Medieval Society

A GROWING FOOD SUPPLY

Why did the food supply increase?
The climate in Europe became warmer between 800 and 1200. This helped farming. Farmers also developed better ways to produce crops. Horses pulled plows and did twice the work of oxen.

Farmers also used a new method of rotating the crops planted in an area. They planted two-thirds of their fields, leaving one-third unplanted. This three-field system help farmers grow more food.

1. Give three reasons why the food supply increased.

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THE GUILDS (Page 388)

What were the guilds?
Changes in the way goods were produced and sold happened in the medieval period. Merchants banded together in an organization called a guild.

A merchant guild worked to get the best prices for their goods.

Craft guilds were made up of groups of workers who did the same job. These included bakers, tailors, and glassmakers. Members set standards and prices for their products. They also made rules for young people learning the craft.

2. What were the two kinds of guilds?
THE COMMERCIAL REVOLUTION  
(Pages 389–390)  
**Why did trade and finance increase?**  
Along with the growth in the food supply, trade and finance increased. Craft workers began to make more goods. These goods were traded all over Europe. Towns held fairs each year. There merchants sold cloth, food, leather, and other wares.  
With more trade, merchants needed more cash. They needed new ways to get cash and loans and to exchange different types of money. The Church had rules against charging a fee for loaning money. Jews, who were outside the Church, became the chief sources of loans. Later, the Church relaxed its rules. Then Christians began to form banks. The expansion of trade and changes in banking practices was called the **Commercial Revolution**.  
3. **How did ways of doing business change?**

THE REVIVAL OF LEARNING  
(Pages 391–392)  
**Why did learning spread?**  
Growing trade and wealth helped lead to a growing interest in education. New centers of learning arose in Europe. They were called universities.  
At this time, most writers were still using Latin. However, some began to use the **vernacular**. This was their native, everyday language. Dante Alighieri wrote *The Divine Comedy* in Italian. Geoffrey Chaucer wrote *The Canterbury Tales* in English. These writers brought literature to many people.  
During the Crusades, contact with Muslims helped increase learning. Muslim scholars had preserved books from ancient Rome and Greece. These works then became available in Europe.  
Ancient writings influenced Christian thinkers, such as **Thomas Aquinas**. He reasoned that the most basic religious truths could be proved by logic. Aquinas and his fellow scholars met at the great universities. They were known as schoolmen, or **scholastics**.  
5. **How did the use of the vernacular help spread learning?**

URBAN LIFE FLOURISHES  
(Pages 390–391)  
**Why did towns grow larger?**  
In the early 1100s, the population of western Europe grew quickly. Trade was booming. Towns grew larger and more important. Towns were dirty places, with narrow streets. Wooden houses in the towns were fire hazards.  
Many peasants fled to the towns. After living there a year and a day, they became free. Other town dwellers, known as **burghers**, organized themselves. The **burghers** were of the merchant class. They demanded more rights for town dwellers.  
4. **Why did peasants move to the towns?**
England and France Develop

Terms and Names

William the Conqueror  Duke of Normandy who invaded England in 1066 and claimed the English crown

Henry II  English king who added French lands to English holdings by marrying Eleanor of Aquitaine

custom law  A body of rulings by English judges

Magna Carta  Great Charter, which guaranteed certain basic political rights

parliament  Body of representatives that makes laws for a nation

Hugh Capet  Founder of the dynasty that ruled France from 987–1328

Philip II  One of the most powerful Capetian kings

Estates General  A council of representatives that advise the French king

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about the growth of towns and trade.
In this section, you will read about the development of France and England.

As You Read
Use a chart to identify major steps toward democratic government.

ENGLAND ABSORBS WAVES OF INVADERS (Pages 393–394)

Who invaded England?

England was formed by the blending of cultures. Danish Vikings invaded the island in the 800s. Some Germanic groups arrived there much earlier. Over time, the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons were united under one rule and kingdom.

In 1066, King Edward died. A power struggle followed. This led to one last invasion. The invader was William the Conqueror. He was the duke of Normandy, a land in northern France. He won control of England and declared it his personal realm.

1. Who invaded England before the William the Conqueror?

ENGLAND’S EVOLVING GOVERNMENT (Pages 394–395)

What were some of England’s earliest steps toward democracy?

Later English kings, descendants of William, tried to hold and add to the land they still had in France.

They also wanted to increase their control over the government and the Church in England.
**Henry II** ruled from 1154 to 1189. He was one of the strongest of William’s descendants. He married Eleanor of Aquitaine, who had been married to King Louis VII of France. From this marriage, Henry gained more territory in France. In England, he began the practice of trial by jury. Over the years, the ruling of the English judges formed a body of law called **common law**. These laws form the basis of law in many English-speaking countries.

One of Henry’s sons, King John, had serious problems. He was a poor military leader. His harsh rule caused nobles to rebel against him. In 1215, they forced John to sign an important paper called the **Magna Carta**. It put limits on the power of the king. The document protected the power of nobles only. Common people, though, said that parts of the Magna Carta also applied to them.

Another step toward limiting the king came in the 1200s. Edward I needed to raise taxes for a war against the French. He called a meeting of representatives from all parts of England. It was called a **parliament**. The purpose of this meeting was to approve his tax plan. His Model Parliament met in 1295. This was the first time bishops, nobles, and common people attended together.

2. Why was the Magna Carta important?

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**CAPETIAN DYNASTY RULES**  
**FRANCE** (Pages 396–397)  
**What was the Capetian Dynasty?**

In France, a new dynasty of kings came to power. They were called the Capetians. They were named for the first of these rulers, **Hugh Capet**, who had been a duke from the middle of France. This dynasty ruled from 987 to 1328.

France was split into 30 separate small territories. Each was ruled by a different lord. The kings held only a small area centered in Paris. They tried to gain control of all the land. Gradually, the growth of royal power would unite France.

One of the most successful kings was **Philip II**. He ruled from 1180 to 1223. He tripled the land under his control. He also made a stronger central government. This gave the king more control over his lands and the people who lived there.

His grandson, Louis IX, ruled from 1226 to 1270. He carried on Philip’s work. Louis set up royal courts. There, people could appeal their lords’ decisions. These courts increased the king’s power. In 1302, Philip IV called for a meeting of representatives. Like Edward I in England, Philip invited common people. This meeting and the council of representatives was called the **Estates General**.

3. How did the kings of France gain more control over their subjects?
The Formation of Western Europe

Section 4

The Hundred Years’ War and the Plague

Terms and Names

Avignon City in France where the pope moved temporarily

Great Schism Division in the Church created by having popes in both Avignon and Rome

John Wycliffe English scholar who argued that the Bible was the final authority for Christian life

John Huss Bohemian scholar who taught that the Bible was the final authority for Christian life

Bubonic Plague Deadly disease that spread across Asia and Europe in the mid-14th century

Hundred Years’ War War between England and France waged from 1337 to 1453

Joan of Arc English peasant who led the French army to victory at Orleans

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about developments in the governments of France and England.

In this section, you will learn about the plague, religious conflict, and war between England and France.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify causes and effects of major events at the end of the Middle Ages.

A Church Divided (Pages 398–399)

How was the Church divided?

In 1300, the pope said he had supreme authority over King Philip IV of France. Philip would not obey him. He held the pope prisoner. Philip planned to put him on trial. The pope was rescued but died soon after. The king then forced the election of a French cardinal as pope. In 1305, the new pope moved to Avignon, a city in France. There, the new pope was to lead the Church. This action weakened the Church.

In 1378, the French pope at that time died. An Italian was elected the next pope. But the French elected their own pope. Confusion resulted. Church officials had two popes, one in France and the other in Rome. This situation, called the Great Schism, lasted 39 years.

At the same time, the pope’s authority was challenged. The English scholar John Wycliffe and the Bohemian John Huss argued that the Bible, not the pope, was the final authority for Christian teaching.
1. What created the Great Schism?

2. Name three effects of the plague.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE STRIKES
(Pages 399–401)
What happened when the plague struck?
People of the late 1300s experienced an even greater shock than the schism in the Church. A deadly disease—the bubonic plague—struck. It swept across Europe. The plague started in 1347. It lasted for decades. Millions of people died. The disease wiped out about one-third of Europe’s population.

The plague affected Europe’s economy. Trade declined, and prices rose. Towns became smaller. Fewer people meant fewer workers. Peasants demanded wages or their freedom. When nobles resisted these demands, peasants often revolted.

The Church lost prestige because it could not stop the plague. Jews were persecuted all over Europe. The plague helped bring an end to the Middle Ages.

2. Name three effects of the plague.

THE HUNDRED YEARS’ WAR
(Pages 401–403)
Why was the Hundred Years’ War fought?
A century-long war also helped bring the Middle Ages to an end. The last Capetian king of France died in 1328. He left no heirs. Edward III of England claimed the throne. In 1337, he began a war to win control of France. This conflict is known as the Hundred Years’ War.

English forces won three important battles. At one, their archers used longbows. These weapons launched arrows that killed one-third of the French troops—even armored knights.

By 1429, France was desperate. The French army held the town of Orleans. But England was about to capture it. A teenage peasant girl named Joan of Arc arrived on the scene. She led the army of France to victory. Then the French crowned a new king, Charles VII. Later, Joan was captured in battle by allies of the English. She was turned over to Church authorities. She was tried as a witch and burned at the stake.

The Hundred Years’ War finally ended in 1453. Most of the fighting took place in France. The war brought France much suffering. However, the war produced a strong national feeling in both England and France. It provided the sense that the king was not just a feudal lord. He was also the leader of a nation.

3. What role did Joan of Arc play in the Hundred Years’ War?
North and Central African Societies

Terms and Names

lineage  Group of people descended from a common ancestor

stateless societies  Societies without central governments

patrilineal  Tracing ancestry through the father

matrilineal  Tracing ancestry through the mother

Maghrib  Part of North Africa that is today the Mediterranean coast of Morocco

Almoravids  Islamic group that established an empire in North Africa and southern Spain during the 11th century

Almohads  Islamic group that overthrew the Almoravids in the 12th century

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about disasters in Europe during the 1300s.

In this section, you will read about various societies that arose in North and Central Africa.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to list characteristics of stateless societies.

HUNTING-GATHERING SOCIETIES

(Page 409)

What is life like for hunter-gatherers?

People in early African societies depended on hunting and gathering for their food supply. Some societies, such as the Efe, still use these methods today. The Efe live in central Africa. They live in groups of around 50 people. All members of the groups are related to one another. Each family has its own shelter. It is made of grass and brush. The Efe move often in search for food. That is why they keep few belongings.

Women gather plant foods. They look for roots, yams, mushrooms, and wild seeds. These are found in the forest. Men and older boys hunt animals. Sometimes they form groups to hunt. At other times, a hunter goes alone. He uses a poison-tipped arrow as a weapon. The Efe also collect honey.

An older male leads the group. But he does not give orders or act like a chief. Each family makes its own decisions. Families, though, do ask the leader for his advice.

1. How do the Efe get food?
STATELESS SOCIETIES (Page 410)
What are stateless societies?
Family organization is important in African society. In many African societies, families form groups called lineages. Members of a lineage believe that they are all descended from a common ancestor. Lineage also includes relatives of the future. These are the children who are not yet born.

Lineage groups sometimes take the place of rulers. They do not have central governments. Such societies are called stateless societies. Power in these societies is spread among more than one lineage. This prevents any one family from having too much control and power.

The Igbo people are from southern Nigeria. They first began living in a stateless society in the 800s. Sometimes there were disagreements within an Igbo village. Then the older members from different villages would meet. Together they would solve the problem.

In patrilineal societies, lineages are traced through fathers. In matrilineal societies, lineages are traced through mothers.

In some societies, children of similar ages belong to groups called age sets. All members of the age set take part in ceremonies. These rites mark the movement from one stage of life to the next. Men and women have different life stages.

2. How does lineage help balance the power in some stateless societies?

MUSLIM STATES (Pages 410–412)
How did Islam spread in North Africa?
Islam was an important influence on African history. Muslims came to northwest Africa in the 600s. By 670, Muslims ruled Egypt. They entered the Maghrib, a part of North Africa. This area today is the Mediterranean coast of Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria.

In their new states, the Muslims set up theocracies. In them, the ruler served as both political and religious leader. The Islamic tradition of obeying the law was important. It helped promote order in the government. The common influence of Islamic law also set up ties between the different North African states.

The Berbers were a group of North Africans. They converted to Islam. In the 11th century, a group of Berbers devoted themselves to spreading Islam. They were called the Almoravids. They had many conquests. They conquered modern Morocco, the empire of Ghana, and parts of Spain.

The Almohads were another group of Berbers. They overthrew the Almoravids in the 1100s. The Almohads also captured Morocco and then Spain. Their empire reached east to the cities of Tripoli and Tunis. This empire lasted about 100 years. Then it broke up into smaller states.

3. Who were the Berbers?
West African Civilizations

Terms and Names

Ghana  West African empire that grew rich from trade
Mali  West African empire that grew rich from trade
Sundiata  Founder and first emperor of the kingdom of Mali
Mansa Musa  Mali ruler who created a large kingdom and adopted Islam
Ibn Battuta  14th century traveler who visited most of the Islamic world
Songhai  West African empire that conquered Mali
Hausa  West African people who lived in several city-states of what is now northern Nigeria
Yoruba  West African people who formed several kingdoms in what is now Benin
Benin  Kingdom that arose near the Niger River delta and became a major West African state

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about societies in North and Central Africa.
In this section, you will read about kingdoms in West Africa.

As You Read
Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast information about the Mali and Songhai empires.

EMPIRE OF GHANA (Pages 413–415)

How did the kingdom of Ghana arise?

Traders crossed the Sahara Desert of North Africa as early as A.D. 200. The desert was harsh. This limited trade. Then the Berbers began using camels. Trade increased.

By the 700s, the rulers of the kingdom of Ghana were growing rich. They taxed the goods that traders carried through their land. The two most important trade goods were gold and salt. Gold was taken from mines and streams in the western and southern parts of West Africa. It was traded for salt from the Sahara region. Arab traders also brought cloth and manufactured goods. These came from cities on the Mediterranean Sea.

The king of Ghana was powerful. Only the king could own gold nuggets. He was the religious, military, and political leader. By the year 800, Ghana had become an empire. It controlled the people of nearby lands.

Over time, Muslim merchants and traders brought their religion to Ghana. By the 1000s, the kings converted to Islam. Many common people in the empire, though, kept their traditional beliefs. Later, Ghana fell to the Almoravids of North Africa. Ghana never regained its former power.

1. What goods were traded in Ghana?
**EMPIRE OF MALI** (Pages 415–417)

*How did Mali rise to power?*

By 1235, a new kingdom began—Mali. It arose south of Ghana. Mali’s wealth and power were also based on the gold trade. Sundiata became Mali’s first emperor. He was a great military and political leader.

Later Mali rulers adopted Islam. One of them was Mansa Musa. He made Mali twice the size of the old empire of Ghana. To rule this large empire, he named governors to head several provinces. Mansa Musa was a devoted Muslim. He built mosques in two cities. One was Timbuktu. It became a leading center of Muslim learning.

Ibn Battuta was a later traveler to the area. He described how peaceful Mali was. Mali, though, declined in the 1400s. Mali was replaced by another empire that grew wealthy from gold.

2. What did Mansa Musa achieve?

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**EMPIRE OF SONGHAI** (Page 417)

*How did Songhai arise?*

The next trading empire was Songhai. It was farther to the east than Mali. Songhai arose in the 1400s. It had two great rulers. One was Sunni Ali. He gained control of new areas. His conquests included the city of Timbuktu.

Songhai’s other great ruler was Askia Muhammad. He was a devoted Muslim. He ran the government well.

The Songhai Empire fell, however. Its army lacked modern weapons. In 1591, Moroccan troops used gunpowder and cannons to beat Songhai soldiers. They had only swords and spears. This defeat ended the period when empires ruled West Africa.

3. Why did Songhai fall?

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**OTHER PEOPLES OF WEST AFRICA** (Pages 417–419)

*What other states and kingdoms arose?*

In other parts of West Africa, city-states developed. The Hausa people lived in the region that is now northern Nigeria. Their city-states first arose between the years 1000 and 1200. The Hausa rulers depended on farmers’ crops. They also relied on trade goods. These included salt, grain, and cotton cloth.

The Yoruba people also first lived in city-states. These were located in what is now Benin and southwestern Nigeria. Over time, some of the small Yoruba communities joined together. Many Yoruba kingdoms were formed. Yoruba people believed their kings were gods.

The kingdom of Benin arose in the 1200s. It was located near the delta of the Niger River. In the 1400s, a ruler named Ewuare led Benin. He made the kingdom more powerful. During his reign, Benin became a major West African state. He strengthened Benin City, his capital. High walls surrounded the city. The huge palace contained many works of art.

In the 1480s, trading ships from Portugal came. They sailed into a major port of Benin. Their arrival was historic. It marked the start of a long period of European involvement in Africa.

4. What was important about Benin?

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What cultures blended in East Africa?

The east coast of Africa became a region where cultures blended. Africans speaking Bantu languages moved to this area from central Africa. Muslim Arab and Persian traders settled in port cities along the coast. A new blended language formed. It was called **Swahili**.

Arab traders sold porcelain bowls from China. They sold jewels and cotton cloth from India. They bought ivory, gold, and other African goods. The traders took these goods back to Asia. By 1300, trade was thriving in over 35 cities on the coast. Some cities also manufactured products for trade. These goods included woven cloth and iron tools.

Kilwa was one of the richest trading ports. It was located far to the south. Trade goods from southern lands passed through Kilwa.

In 1497, though, the situation changed. Ships arrived on the east coast of Africa from Portugal. Portuguese sailors were looking for a route to India. They wanted to join in the trade for spices and other goods desired in Europe. Soon the Portuguese attacked Kilwa. They also attacked other trading centers along the East African coast.

For the next two centuries, the Portuguese remained a powerful force in the region.

1. Why did Kilwa become an important center of trade?
ISLAMIC INFLUENCES
(Pages 424–425)
**How did Muslim traders influence East Africa?**

On the east coast of Africa, contact with Muslim traders grew. This resulted in the spread of Islam. A sultan, or governor, ruled each city. Most government officials and wealthy merchants were Muslims. As in West Africa, though, most common people kept their traditional beliefs.

Muslim traders also sold slaves from the East African coast. These slaves were brought to markets in areas such as Arabia and Persia. Some slaves did household tasks. Other were sent to India to be soldiers. This slave trade was still small. Only about 1,000 slaves a year were traded. The later European-run slave trade was much larger.

2. Describe the Muslim slave trade.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA AND GREAT ZIMBABWE (Pages 425–426)
**What empires arose in southern Africa?**

In southern Africa, a great city-state arose in the 1000s. The Shona people grew crops in their rich land. They also raised cattle. Their city, **Great Zimbabwe**, linked the gold fields inland with the trading cities on the coast. From the 1200s through the 1400s, the city controlled this trade. The city grew wealthy.

Around 1450, though, the people left the city. No one knows why. One explanation is that overuse had destroyed the grasslands, soil, and timber. About 60 acres of ruins remain. The ruins include stone buildings. A high wall carved with figures of birds also still stands.

3. What happened to Great Zimbabwe around 1450?

THE MUTAPA EMPIRE (Page 427)
**Who founded the Mutapa empire?**

The **Mutapa** Empire followed. It began around 1420. A man named Mutota left the area. He moved farther north looking for salt. Mutota and his successors took control of a large area. It was almost all of the land of the modern Zimbabwe. This empire gained wealth from its gold. The rulers forced the conquered to mine the gold. The southern region of the empire formed its own kingdom.

In the 1500s, the Portuguese moved in. They failed to conquer the empire. Later, through political schemes, they took over the government.

4. How did Mutapa rulers obtain luxury goods from coastal city-states?
People and Empires in the Americas

Section 1

North American Societies

Terms and Names

- **potlatch**: Ceremonial giving practiced by some Native American societies in the Pacific Northwest
- **Anasazi**: Early Native American people who lived in the Southwest
- **pueblos**: Villages of large apartment-like buildings made of clay and stone by peoples of the American Southwest
- **Mississippian**: Related to the Mound Builder culture that flourished in North America between A.D. 800 and 1500
- **Iroquois**: Native American peoples from the eastern Great Lakes region of North America who formed an alliance in the late 1500s
- **totems**: Animals or other natural objects that serve as symbols of clans or other groups

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about diverse societies in Africa. In this section, you will read about diverse societies in North America.

As You Read

Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the Native Americans of the Northwest and the Southwest.

**COMPLEX SOCIETIES IN THE WEST; MOUND BUILDERS AND OTHER WOODLAND CULTURES** (Pages 441–444)

**Where did different Native American societies arise?**

Between about 40,000 and 12,000 years ago, hunter-gatherers moved from Asia to North America. (At that time the two continents had a land connection.) These were the first Americans. They spread throughout North and South America. They had many different ways of life, each suited to the place where they lived.

The Pacific Northwest stretches from modern Oregon to Alaska. The peoples who lived there used the rich resources of the region. The sea was the most important of these resources. The people there hunted whales. They also gathered food from the forests on the coast. The people of the Pacific Northwest developed societies in which differences in wealth led to the creation of social classes. From time to time, they performed a ceremony called the **potlatch**. In this ceremony, wealthy families could show their rank and prosperity by giving food, drink, and gifts to the community.

The peoples of the Southwest faced a harsh environment. The Hohokam people irrigated, or watered, their crops. Their use of pottery and baskets showed that they had contact with the Mesoamerican people to the south.
The Anasazi lived where the present-day states of Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico meet. They built groups of houses in the shallow caves that broke up the rocky walls of deep canyons. By the 900s, the Anasazi were living in **pueblos**. Pueblos were villages with large, apartment-style groupings. They were made of stone and clay baked in the sun. The Anasazi did not have horses, mules, or the wheel. They relied on human power to make their pueblos. They had small windows to keep out the hot sun. One of the largest pueblos had more than 600 rooms and probably housed about 1,000 people.

Many Anasazi pueblos were abandoned around 1200. Later peoples—including the Hopi and Zuni—living in this area continued the traditions of the Anasazi.

In the woods east of the Mississippi River, another culture arose. These people are called the Mound Builders. They built large mounds of earth that were filled with copper and stone art work. When seen from above, some mounds revealed the shapes of animals. The **Mississippians** were a people who lived later in this area. They built thriving villages, such as Cahokia. In the center of Cahokia was a flat-topped pyramid with a temple on top.

The peoples of the northeastern woodlands had many different cultures. They often fought for control of land. Some groups formed alliances to put an end to this fighting. The most successful of these alliances was set up in the late 1500s by the Iroquois and was called the **Iroquois** League. The league linked five tribes in upper New York.

1. Explain the cultural differences between the Anasazi and the Mississippians.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS
(Pages 444–445)
**How were Native American groups similar culturally?**

These North American groups had some common features. Trade linked people of all regions of North America. Religious ideas were similar across the continent as well. Nearly all native North Americans thought that the world was full of spirits and that people had to follow certain rituals and customs to live in peace. Native Americans also shared great respect for the land, which they did not believe that people could own.

They also shared an emphasis on the family as the most important social unit. Family included parents, children, grandparents, and other relatives. In some tribes, families were linked together with others who shared a common ancestor. These larger groups are called clans. Clans were often identified with a **totem**. A totem is a natural object or animal that a person, clan, or family uses to show its identity.

2. Name three features shared by Native American groups.
Maya Kings and Cities

Terms and Names

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Before You Read

In the last section, you read about societies in North America.

In this section, you will read about the Maya civilization in Mexico and Central America.

As You Read

Use a chart to take notes on the major features of the Maya civilization.

MAYA CREATE CITY-STATES

(Pages 446–447)

Who were the Maya?

A great civilization arose in what is today southern Mexico and northern Central America. This was the Maya civilization. It appeared around A.D. 250. Between then and 900, the Maya built large cities such as Tikal and Copán. Each city was independent and ruled by a god-king. Each city was a religious center as well as a trade center for the area around it. These cities were large. Tens of thousands of people lived in these cities. The cities were full of palaces, temples, and pyramids. Archaeologists have found at least 50 Maya cities.

Trade linked these cities. Among the trade goods were salt, flint, feathers, shells, cotton cloth, and ornaments made of jade. Cacao beans, which are used to make chocolate, were sometimes used as money. Maize, beans, and squash were the main foods.

Maya society was divided into social classes. The best warriors and priests were at the top. The merchants and craft workers were at the next level. Peasant farmers—the majority of the people—were at the bottom.

1. What is known about Maya cities?

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RELIGION SHAPES MAYA LIFE

(Pages 447–448)

How did religion shape Maya life?

The Maya religion was at the center of their society. There were many gods, including one for each day. The actions of the day’s god could be predicted, they thought, by following a calendar. The Maya sometimes cut themselves to offer their blood to the gods in sacrifice. Sometimes they killed enemies and sacrificed them.
The Maya religion led to the development of mathematics, calendars, and astronomy. Maya math included the idea of zero. They had two calendars. One calendar was religious, and it had thirteen 20-day months. The other calendar was based on the sun. It had 18 months consisting of 20 days each. The Maya linked the two together to identify days that would bring good fortune.

Maya astronomy was very accurate. They observed the sun, moon, and stars to make their calendars as accurate as possible. They calculated the time it takes the earth to revolve around the sun almost perfectly.

The Maya also developed the most advanced writing system in the ancient Americas. Maya writing was made up of about 800 symbols, or glyphs. They used their writing system to record important historical events. They carved in stone or recorded events in a bark-paper book known as a codex. Three of these ancient books still survive. A famous Maya book called the Popul Vuh records a Maya story of the creation of the world.

2. How does Maya writing reflect Maya culture?

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MYSTERIOUS MAYA DECLINE
(Page 449)

Why did the civilization decline?

In the late 800s, the Maya civilization began to decline. Historians do not know why. One explanation may be that warfare between the different city-states disrupted Maya society. The wars interrupted trade and drove many people out of the cities into the jungle. Another may be that the soil became less productive due to intensive farming over a long time. Whatever the cause, the Maya became a less powerful people. They continued to live in the area, but their cities were no longer the busy trade and religious centers they had been.

3. Name two reasons that may explain the Maya civilization’s decline.

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The next people to dominate the area were the Toltecs. They rose to power around 900 and ruled over central Mexico for about 300 years. The Toltecs were warlike and worshiped a warlike god. One Toltec king, Topiltzin, tried to replace the warlike god with a peaceful one. The peaceful god was called Quetzalcoatl, the Feathered Serpent. Followers of the warlike god rebelled and chased Topiltzin away. The Toltecs became warlike again. Over time, Topiltzin and Quetzalcoatl became one in Toltec legends. In these legends, someday Quetzalcoatl would return and bring a new reign of peace. This legend lived on in central Mexico for centuries.

1. What was Teotihuacán?

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THE AZTEC EMPIRE; TENOCHTITLÁN: A PLANNED CITY
(Pages 453–455)

How did the Aztecs build an empire?

Around 1200, the Toltecs were losing control of the region. But another people—the Aztecs—began to gain power. The Aztecs founded a city and, in 1428, they joined with two other city-states to form the Triple Alliance. The Triple Alliance became the leading power of the Valley of Mexico. It soon gained control over neighboring regions.

By the early 1500s, the Aztecs controlled a large empire that included somewhere between 5 and 15 million people. This empire was based on military conquest and collecting tribute from conquered peoples.

Military leaders held great power in Aztec society. Along with government officials and priests, they made up a noble class. Below them were commoners—merchants, craft workers, soldiers, and farmers who owned their land. At the bottom of society were the slaves taken as captives in battle. At the top was the emperor. He was treated as a god as well as a ruler.

The capital city—Tenochtitlán—was built on an island in a lake. The Aztecs made long causeways to connect the city to the mainland. The city contained between 200,000 and 400,000 people. It was well-planned and had a huge religious complex at its center.

2. How was Aztec society organized?

RELIGION RULES AZTEC LIFE
(Page 456)

What was the role of religion in Aztec life?

Religion played a major role in Aztec society. Temples were built in cities for the many different gods. Priests led religious rituals. The most important rituals were for the sun god. Priests made the sacrifice of human blood to make sure that the sun god was happy, and the sun would rise every day. People taken captive in war were sacrificed. The need for a steady supply of victims pushed the Aztecs to fight their neighbors.

3. Why and how did the Aztecs sacrifice to the sun god?

PROBLEMS IN THE AZTEC EMPIRE
(Pages 456, 458)

What weakened the Aztec Empire?

Montezuma II became emperor in 1502. The Aztec Empire began to have problems during his reign. The Aztecs ordered the other peoples they had conquered to hand over even more people to sacrifice. These other peoples finally rebelled against the Aztecs. In the midst of this conflict, the Spanish arrived and made contact with the Aztecs for the first time. Some saw their arrival as the legendary return of Quetzalcoatl.

4. Why did conquered peoples rebel against the Aztecs?
People and Empires in the Americas

Section 4

The Inca Create a Mountain Empire

Terms and Names

**Pachacuti**  Ruler under whom the Incan Empire grew quickly

**ayllu**  Small community or clan whose members worked together for the common good

**mita**  Requirement for all Incan subjects to work for the state a certain number of days each year

**quipu**  Arrangement of knotted strings on a cord used by the Inca to record numerical information

**Before You Read**

In the last section, you read about the Aztec Empire.

In this section, you will learn about the empire of the Inca.

**As You Read**

Use a web diagram to identify the methods the Inca used to build their vast, unified empire.

THE INCA BUILD AN EMPIRE  
(Pages 459–460)

**Who were the Inca?**

The Inca civilization arose in the Andes of South America. It was built on the foundations made by several earlier cultures.

The Inca united much of the Andes under their rule. They first settled in the Valley of Cuzco, in modern Peru. They built a kingdom there by the 1200s. The Inca believed that their ruler was related to the sun god, who would bring wealth and power to them. Only men from one of 11 noble families believed to be descendants of the sun god could serve as king.

In 1438, **Pachacuti** became the ruler of the Inca. He made conquest after conquest. By 1500, the Inca ruled an empire that stretched along the Andes from modern Ecuador all the way south to Chile and Argentina. It held about 16 million people. The empire did not grow only through military conquest. Often the Inca offered new peoples the chance to join the empire peacefully as long as they swore loyalty to the emperor. Many peoples became part of the empire in this way. Even when force was needed, afterward the Inca tried to win the loyalty of the conquered peoples through friendship rather than fear.

1. What beliefs and practices related to Inca rulers?

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INCAN GOVERNMENT CREATES UNITY (Pages 460–461)

How did the government unite the empire?

The Inca had a highly organized system to govern their empire. Small groups of people known as ayllu worked together for the common good. For example, they built irrigation ditches together. The Inca applied this idea to their empire. Families were placed in groups of 10, 100, 1,000, and so on. A chief led each group.

The Inca usually let local rulers stay in place when they conquered a people—as long as the conquered people met any Incan demands. The most important demand was for all adult workers to spend some days each year working for the state. They might work on state farms or build state roads or buildings. This payment of labor was known as mita.

The Inca built a complex network of roads. The roads linked all parts of the empire. The Inca also built all government buildings in the same style. This created a common identity for the government throughout the empire. They made all people speak a common language—the Incan tongue, called Quechua.

The Inca controlled the economy. They told people what to grow or make and how it would be distributed. The government also took care of people who needed help, such as the very old or ill.

In spite of all these advances, the Inca never developed a system of writing. All records were kept in peoples’ memories. They did have a device for counting. It was a set of knotted strings called a quipu.

The Inca also had day and night calendars for information about their gods.

2. What was mita, and what forms did it take?

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RELIGION SUPPORTS THE STATE; DISCORD IN THE EMPIRE (Pages 462–463)

How were religion and government connected?

The Incan religion played a central role in Inca life. The Inca believed in fewer gods than the peoples of Mexico. The most important of the Incan gods were the creator god and the sun god. Cuzco, the capital, was the most important religious center. It was decorated with gold and other precious objects.

In the early 1500s, the Incan Empire reached the height of its power under the rule of Huayna Capac. However, he died while traveling through the empire. After Huayna Capac’s death, civil war broke out between his two sons, Atahualpa and Huascar. Atahualpa eventually won, but the war tore the empire apart. When the Spanish arrived, they took advantage of Incan weakness to divide and conquer the empire.

3. Why did the Incan Empire fall?

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Italy: Birthplace of the Renaissance

Terms and Names

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Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the development of the Incan Empire.
In this section, you will learn about the beginning of the Renaissance.

As You Read

Use an outline to organize each summary’s main ideas and details.

ITALY’S ADVANTAGES

Why did the Renaissance begin in Italy?
The years 1300 to 1600 saw a rebirth of learning and culture in Europe called the Renaissance. This rebirth spread north from Italy. It began there for three reasons. First, Italy had several important cities. Cities were places where people exchanged ideas. Second, these cities included a class of merchants and bankers who were becoming wealthy and powerful. This class strongly believed in the idea of individual achievement. Third, Italian artists and scholars were inspired by the ruined buildings and other reminders of classical Rome.

1. What are three reasons why the Renaissance began in Italy?

CLASSICAL AND WORLDLY VALUES

What new values did people hold?
Interest in the classical past led to an important value in Renaissance culture—humanism. This was a deep interest in what people have already achieved as well as what they could achieve in the future. Scholars did not try to connect classical writings to Christian teaching. Instead, they tried to understand them on their own terms.
In the Middle Ages, the emphasis had been mostly on spiritual values. Renaissance thinkers stressed secular ideas. These ideas centered on the things of the world. One way that powerful or wealthy people showed this interest in worldly things was by paying artists, writers, and musicians to create beautiful works of art. Wealthy people who supported artists were known as patrons.

People tried to show that they could master many fields of study or work. Someone who succeeded in many fields was admired greatly. The artist Leonardo da Vinci was an example of this ideal. He was a painter, a scientist, and an inventor. Men were expected to be charming, witty, well educated, well mannered, athletic, and self-controlled. Women were expected to have many accomplishments, too. But women were not to show them in public.

2. What are secular ideas?

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RENAISSANCE WRITERS CHANGE LITERATURE (Pages 475–477)

How did literature change during the Renaissance?

Renaissance writers also achieved greatness. Several wrote in the vernacular. This means they wrote in their native languages. It was a change from the Middle Ages, when most writing was done in Latin. Writers also changed their subject matter. They began to express their own thoughts and feelings. Sometimes they gave a detailed look at an individual. Dante and others wrote poetry, letters, and stories that were more realistic. Niccolò Machiavelli took a new approach to understanding government. He focused on telling rulers how to expand their power. He believed rulers should do what was politically effective, even if it was not morally right.

4. What did Renaissance writers write about?

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THE RENAISSANCE REVOLUTIONIZES ART

(Pages 474–475)

How did art change during the Renaissance?

Renaissance artists sometimes used new methods. Sculptors made figures more realistic than those from the Middle Ages. Painters used perspective to create the illusion that their paintings were three-dimensional. The subject of artwork changed also. Art in the Middle Ages was mostly religious. Renaissance artists reproduced other views of life. Michelangelo showed great skill as an architect, a sculptor, and a painter.

3. How did the methods and subjects in art change?

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Guided Reading Workbook
The Northern Renaissance

**Terms and Names**

- **Utopia**: An ideal place
- **William Shakespeare**: Famous Renaissance writer
- **Johann Gutenberg**: German craftsman who developed the printing press

**Before You Read**

In the last section, you read how the Renaissance began in Italy.

In this section, you will learn how Renaissance ideas spread in northern Europe.

**As You Read**

Use a time line to note important events of the northern Renaissance.

**THE NORTHERN RENAISSANCE BEGINS** *(Page 480)*

*Why was the time right for the northern Renaissance to begin?*

By 1450, the bubonic plague had ended in northern Europe. Also, the Hundred Years’ War between France and England was ending. This allowed new ideas from Italy to spread to northern Europe. They were quickly adopted. Here, too, rulers and merchants used their money to sponsor artists. But the northern Renaissance had a difference. Educated people combined classical learning with interest in religious ideas.

1. How was the northern Renaissance different from the Renaissance in Italy?

**ARTISTIC IDEAS SPREAD** *(Pages 480–481)*

*What ideas about art developed in northern Europe?*

The new ideas of Italian art moved to the north, where artists began to use them. Major artists appeared in parts of Germany, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Dürer painted religious subjects and realistic landscapes. Holbein, Van Eyck, and Bruegel painted lifelike portraits and scenes of peasant life. They revealed much about the times. They began to use oil-based paints. Oils became very popular, and their use spread to Italy.

2. What did northern European artists paint?
NORTHERN WRITERS TRY TO REFORM SOCIETY; THE ELIZABETHAN AGE (Pages 482–483)

What did northern writers write?

Writers of the northern Renaissance combined humanism with a deep Christian faith. They urged reforms in the Church. They tried to make people more devoted to God. They also wanted society to be more fair. In England, Thomas More wrote a book about Utopia, an imaginary ideal society where greed, war, and conflict do not exist.

William Shakespeare is often called the greatest playwright of all time. His plays showed a brilliant command of the English language. They also show a deep understanding of people and how they interact with one another.

3. Who were two of the most famous writers of the northern Renaissance?

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PRINTING SPREADS RENAISSANCE IDEAS; THE LEGACY OF THE RENAISSANCE (Pages 484–485)

Why was the printing press such an important development?

One reason that learning spread so rapidly during the Renaissance was the invention of movable type. The Chinese had invented the process of carving characters onto wooden blocks. They then arranged them in words, inked the blocks, and pressed them against paper to print pages.

In 1440, a German, Johann Gutenberg, used this same practice to invent his printing press. He produced his first book—the Gutenberg Bible—in 1455 on this press. The technology then spread rapidly. By 1500, presses in Europe had printed nearly 10 million books.

Printing made it easier to make many copies of a book. As a result, written works became available far and wide. Books were printed in English, French, Spanish, Italian, or German. More people began to read. The Bible was a popular book. After reading the Bible, some people formed new ideas about Christianity. These ideas were different from the official teachings of the Church.

The Renaissance prompted changes in both art and society. Artists and writers portrayed people in more realistic ways and celebrated individual achievement. In a larger sense, the Renaissance opened up a world of new ideas to people and led them to examine and question things more closely.

4. What effects did the printing press have on northern European life?

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Luther Leads the Reformation

Terms and Names

indulgence  Release from punishments due for a sin
Reformation  16th-century movement for religious reform, leading to the founding of new Christian churches
Lutheran  Member of a Protestant church founded on the teachings of Martin Luther
Protestant  Member of a Christian church founded on the principles of the Reformation
Peace of Augsburg  Agreement in 1555 declaring that the religion of each German state would be decided by its ruler
annul  Cancel or put an end to
Anglican  Relating to the Church of England

Before You Read

In the last section, you saw how the Renaissance spread to northern Europe.

In this section, you will see how Renaissance ideas helped bring about the Reformation.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify the effects of Martin Luther's protests.

CAUSES OF THE REFORMATION (Pages 488–489)

Why was the Church criticized?

By 1500, the influence of the Church on the lives of people had weakened. Some people resented paying taxes to support the Church in Rome. Others sharply criticized the Church for some of its practices. Popes seemed more concerned with luxury and political power than with spiritual matters. Many local priests lacked education and were not able to teach people. Some lived immoral lives.

Reformers urged the Church to change its ways to become more spiritual and humble. Christian humanists such as Erasmus and Thomas More added their voices to calls for change. In the early 1500s, the calls grew louder.

1. What kinds of changes did Church critics want to make?

LUTHER CHALLENGES THE CHURCH (Page 489)

How did the Reformation begin?

In 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther protested against a Church official who was selling indulgences. An indulgence was a kind of forgiveness. By paying money to the Church, people thought they could win salvation.
The Response to Luther (Pages 490–492)

**What effects did Luther’s protest have?**

Pope Leo X punished Luther for his views, but he refused to change them. Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, a strong Catholic, called Luther an outlaw. Luther’s books were burned. But it was too late. Many of his ideas were already being practiced. The Lutheran Church started around 1522.

In 1524, peasants in Germany hoped to use Luther’s ideas about Christian freedom to change society. They demanded an end to serfdom—a condition like slavery. When it was not granted, they revolted. Luther disagreed with this revolt. German princes killed thousands in putting the revolt down.

Some nobles supported Luther’s ideas. They saw a chance to weaken the emperor’s power over them. Other German princes joined forces against Luther’s supporters. They signed an agreement to remain loyal to the pope and the emperor. Supporters of Luther’s ideas protested this agreement. They were called the Protestants. Eventually, the term Protestant meant Christians who belonged to non-Catholic churches.

ENGLAND BECOMES PROTESTANT (Page 492–494)

**How did England become Protestant?**

The Catholic Church faced another challenge in England. Henry VIII, the king, was married to a Spanish princess. She gave birth to a daughter. England had never had a female ruler. Henry feared a civil war would start if he had no son. He believed his wife was too old to have another child. He tried to get the pope to annul, or put an end to, the marriage so he could remarry. The pope refused.

To remarry, Henry had to get out of the Catholic church. In 1534, Henry had Parliament pass laws that created the Church of England. These laws made the king or queen, not the pope, head of the Church. Henry no longer had to obey the pope. Henry remarried five times. His only son was from his third wife.

One of Henry’s daughters, Elizabeth, became queen in 1558. She finished creating a separate English church. The new church was called Anglican. It had some practices that would appeal to both Protestants and Catholics. In this way, Elizabeth hoped to end religious conflict.

**What role did Henry VIII play in creating the Church of England?**

War broke out between Catholic and Protestant forces in Germany. It finally ended in 1555 with the Peace of Augsburg. This treaty granted each prince the right to decide whether his subjects would be Catholic or Protestant.

3. Why did Luther’s ideas lead to war?

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The Reformation Continues

Terms and Names

**predestination**  Doctrine that God has decided all things beforehand, including which people will be saved

**Calvinism**  Religious teachings based on the ideas of the reformer John Calvin

**theocracy**  Government controlled by religious leaders

**Presbyterian**  Member of a Protestant church governed by elders and founded by John Knox

**Anabaptist**  Member of a Protestant group during the Reformation who believed only adults should be baptized. Also believed that church and state should be separate

**Catholic Reformation**  16th-century Catholic reform movement in response to Protestant Reformation

**Jesuits**  Members of the Society of Jesus, a Roman Catholic religious order founded by Ignatius of Loyola

**Council of Trent**  Meeting of Roman Catholic leaders to rule on doctrines criticized by the Protestant reformers

Before You Read

In the last section, you read how the Reformation began.

In this section, you will learn how it developed and spread.

As You Read

Use a chart to compare the ideas of the reformers who came after Luther.

CALVIN CONTINUES THE REFORMATION (Pages 495–496)

What did Calvin teach?

Protestantism arose elsewhere in the 1530s under the leadership of John Calvin. Calvin taught that people are sinful by nature. He also taught **predestination**, the idea that God determines beforehand who will be saved. The religion based on Calvin’s teachings is called **Calvinism**.

Calvin created a **theocracy** in Geneva, Switzerland. It was government run by religious leaders. It had strict rules of behavior.

A preacher named John Knox put these ideas into practice in Scotland. This was beginning of the **Presbyterian** Church. Others in Holland, France, and Switzerland adopted Calvin’s ideas as well. In France, his followers were called Huguenots. Conflict between them and Catholics often turned into violence. In 1572, mobs killed about 12,000 Huguenots.

1. What is Calvinism?
OTHER PROTESTANT
REFORMERS (Pages 496–498)
What other reformers were important
during the Reformation?

Another new Protestant group was the
Anabaptists. They preached that people
should be baptized into the faith as adults.
Anabaptists also taught that the church
and state should be separate. In addition,
they refused to fight in wars.

Many women played key roles in the
Reformation. Marguerite of Navarre
protected John Calvin from being killed
for his beliefs. Katherina von Bora was the
wife of Martin Luther. She supported an
equal role for women in marriage.

2. Who were two women who played
important roles in the Reformation?

THE CATHOLIC REFORMATION
(Pages 498–499)
What was the Catholic Reformation?

Protestant churches grew all over
Europe. To keep Catholic believers loyal,
the Catholic Church took steps to change
itself. This was called the Catholic
Reformation.

One Catholic reformer was a Spanish
noble named Ignatius. He founded a new
group in the Church based on deep
devotion to Jesus. Members of this group,
called the Jesuits, started schools across
Europe. They sent missionaries to convert
people to Catholicism. In addition, they
tried to stop the spread of Protestant faiths.

Two popes of the 1500s helped bring
about changes in the Church. Pope Paul III
set up a kind of court called the
Inquisition. It was charged with finding,
trying, and punishing people who broke
the rules of the Church. He also called a
meeting of church leaders, the Council of
Trent. The council, which met in 1545,
passed doctrines. These doctrines stated
that the Church’s interpretation of the
Bible was final and that Christians needed
to perform good works to win salvation.
They also gave the Bible and the Church
equal authority in setting out Christian
beliefs and supported indulgences.

The next pope, Paul IV, put these
doctrines into practice. They helped revive
the Church and allowed it to survive the
challenge of the Protestants.

3. What happened at the Council of
Trent?

THE LEGACY OF THE
REFORMATION (Page 500)
What was the legacy of the
Reformation?

The Reformation had an enduring
impact on society. In the wake of the
movement, Protestant churches flourished.
Meanwhile, the Catholic Church became
more unified as a result of the reforms
started at the Council of Trent.

The Reformation caused an overall
decline in the authority of the church. As a
result, individual monarchs and states
gained greater power. This in turn led to
the development of modern nation-states.

Women thought that their status in
society might improve as a result of the
Reformation. However, this did not
happen. Women were still mainly limited
to the concerns of home and family.

4. What was the result of the declining
authority of the church?
The Ottomans Build a Vast Empire

Terms and Names

ghazis Warriors for Islam
Osman Successful ghazi who built a small state in Anatolia
sultans Rulers of Muslim states
Timur the Lame Conqueror of Persia and Russia
Mehmed II Conqueror who made Istanbul his capital
Suleyman the Lawgiver Ruler who brought Ottoman Empire to its height
devshirme Policy for creating the sultan’s army
janissary Soldier slave drawn from conquered Christian territories

Before You Read
In the last chapter, you read about changes in Europe during 1300-1600.
In this section, you will read about the rise of the Ottoman Empire during the same period.

As You Read
Use a chart to list the main rulers of the Ottoman Empire and their successes.

TURKS MOVE INTO BYZANTIUM
(Pages 507–508)
How did the Ottoman Empire begin?
In 1300, the world of the eastern Mediterranean was also changing. The Byzantine Empire was fading. The Seljuk Turk state had been destroyed. Anatolia, the area of modern Turkey, was now inhabited by groups of nomadic Turks. They saw themselves as ghazis, or Muslim warriors for Islam. They raided the lands where non-Muslims lived.

The most successful ghazi was Osman. Western Europeans thought his name was Othman. They called his followers Ottomans. Between 1300 and 1326, Osman built a strong but small kingdom in Anatolia. Leaders who came after Osman called themselves sultans, or “ones with power.” They extended the kingdom by buying land. They also formed alliances with other chieftains and conquered everyone they could.

The Ottomans ruled in a kindly way. Muslims had to serve in the army but paid no taxes. Non-Muslims paid tax but did not serve in the army. Many joined Islam just to avoid the tax. Most people adjusted easily to their new rule.

One warrior did not. He was Timur the Lame. He conquered Russia and Persia. In 1402, he defeated the Ottoman forces.
Timur captured the sultan and took him to Samarkand in a cage.

1. Who were the Ottomans?

POWERFUL SULTANS SPUR DRAMATIC EXPANSION
(Pages 508–509)

How did the empire grow?

In Anatolia, the four sons of the last sultan fought for control of the empire. Mehmed I won control. His son and the four sultans who came after him brought the Ottoman Empire to its greatest power. One of them—Mehmed II—took power in 1451. He built a force of 100,000 foot soldiers and 125 ships to gain control of Constantinople. In 1453, he took the city and the waterway it controlled. Mehmed made the city his capital. He renamed it Istanbul. The rebuilt city became home to people from all over the Ottoman Empire.

Other emperors used conquest to make the empire grow. After 1514, Selim the Grim took Persia, Syria, and Palestine. He then captured Arabia, took the Muslim holy cities of Medina and Mecca, and gained control of Egypt.

2. Who was Mehmed II?

SULEYMAN THE LAWGIVER; THE EMPIRE DECLINES SLOWLY
(Pages 510–511)

Why was Suleyman the Lawgiver a great leader?

Suleyman I took power in 1520 and ruled for 46 years. He brought the Ottoman Empire to its greatest size and most impressive achievements. He conquered parts of southeastern Europe. He won control of the entire eastern Mediterranean Sea and took North Africa as far west as Tripoli.

Suleyman revised the laws of the empire. His people called him Suleyman the Lawgiver. Suleyman ruled his empire with a highly structured government. Thousands of slaves served the royal family. The policy of making people slaves was called devshirme. The janissaries were an enslaved group of soldiers. They were Christians taken as children and made slaves. They were trained as soldiers and fought fiercely for the sultan. Other slaves held important government jobs.

The empire allowed people to follow their own religion. Jews and Christians were not mistreated. His empire was also known for great works of art and many fine buildings.

Although the empire lasted long after Suleyman, it spent the next few hundred years in decline. That means its power slipped. None of the sultans were as accomplished as Suleyman had been.

3. What were two of Suleyman’s accomplishments?
Cultural Blending
Case Study: The Safavid Empire

Terms and Names

Safavid  Member of a Shi’a Muslim group that built an empire in Persia
Isma’il  Safavid warrior who seized most of what is now Iran
shah  Persian title meaning king
Shah Abbas  Leader during the Safavid golden age
Esfahan  Capital city of the Safavid Empire

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about the Ottomans.
In this section, you will learn about the development of another empire, the Safavid.

As You Read
Use a diagram to identify examples of cultural blending in the Safavid Empire.

PATTERNS OF CULTURAL BLENDING (Pages 512–513)
What is cultural blending?
Throughout history, different peoples have lived together. Their cultures have influenced one another. Often these people have blended one culture with another. This can happen because of migration, trade, conquest, or pursuit of religious freedom or conversion.
Cultural blending results in changes in society. Some results of cultural blending are changes in language, religion, styles of government, or arts and architecture.
Societies that are able to benefit from cultural blending are open to new ways. They are willing to adapt and change.

1. What are the four causes of cultural blending?

THE SAFAVIDS BUILD A SHI’A EMPIRE (Pages 513–514)
How did the Safavids rise to power?
Cultural blending took place in the Safavid Empire of Persia. The Safavids were members of the Shi’a, a branch of Islam. The major group of Muslims, the Sunnis, persecuted the Shi’a for their views. The Safavids feared the Sunni Muslims. They decided to build a strong army to protect themselves.
In 1499, a 14-year-old leader named Isma’il led this army to conquer Iran. He took the traditional Persian title of shah, or king, and made Shi’a the religion of the new empire. He destroyed Baghdad’s Sunni population. Ottoman Turk rulers—who were Sunni Muslims—in turn killed all the Shi’a that they met. This conflict between the two groups of Muslims continues today.
2. Why are the Shi’a and Sunni Muslims enemies?

A SAFAVID GOLDEN AGE
Who was Shah Abbas?
The Safavids reached their height in the late 1500s under Shah Abbas. He created two armies that were loyal to him and him alone. He also gave new weapons to the army to make them better fighters. He got rid of corrupt officials in the government. He also brought gifted artists to his empire.

Shah Abbas drew on good ideas from other cultures. The main elements of that culture were the joining together of the Persian tradition of learning and sophistication with the strong faith of the Shi’a. He used Chinese artists. They helped create gorgeous artwork that decorated the rebuilt capital of Esfahan.

Under Shah Abbas, the Safavids enjoyed good relations with nations of Europe. The demand for Persian rugs increased greatly in Europe. In this period, rug-making, which had been a local craft in Persia, became a major industry for the country.

3. What were four reforms made by Shah Abbas?

THE DYNASTY DECLINES QUICKLY
(Pages 515)
Why did the Safavids lose power?
Like the Ottoman Empire, the Safavid Empire began to decline soon after it had reached its greatest height. Shah Abbas had killed or injured his most talented sons—just as Suleyman had done. Shah Abbas feared that his sons would seize power from him. As a result, a weak and ineffective grandson became shah after him.

4. Why weren’t there strong leaders after Shah Abbas?
The Mughal Empire in India

Terms and Names

Babur  Founder of the Mughal Empire
Mughal  One of the nomads who invaded the Indian subcontinent and established a powerful empire there
Akbar  Mughal ruler with a genius for cultural blending, military conquest, and art
Sikh  Nonviolent religious group that became the enemy of the Mughals
Shah Jahan  Mughal ruler who built Taj Mahal
Taj Mahal  Tomb built by Shah Jahan for his wife
Aurangzeb  Last important Mughal ruler

Before You Read
In the last section, you learn about how the Safavids established an empire in what is present-day Iran.

In this section, you will learn about the establishment of the Mughal Empire in what is now India.

As You Read
Use a time line to identify the Mughal emperors and their successes.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE MUGHAL EMPIRE (Page 516)
How did the Mughal Empire begin?
Starting in the 600s, India went through a long, unsettled period. Nomads from central Asia invaded the area and created many small kingdoms. In the 700s, Muslims arrived on the scene. This began a long history of fighting with the Hindus who had lived in India for centuries.

After about 300 years, a group of Muslim Turks conquered a region around the city of Delhi. They set up a new empire there. They treated the Hindus in their area as conquered peoples. Their rule was brought to an end in 1398.

A little over a hundred years later, a new leader named Babur raised an army and began to win large parts of India. He had many talents. He was a lover of poetry and gardens. He was also an excellent general. His empire was called the Mughal Empire because he and his families were related to the Mongols.

1. Who was Babur?

THE GOLDEN AGE OF AKBAR (Pages 517–518)
Who was Akbar?
Babur’s grandson was Akbar. His name means “Greatest One.” He ruled with great wisdom and fairness for almost 40 years.

Akbar was a Muslim. However, he believed strongly that people should be allowed to follow the religion they choose.
Both Hindus and Muslims worked in the government. He hired people in his government based on their ability.

Akbar ruled fairly. He ended the tax that Hindu pilgrims and all non-Muslims had to pay. To raise money, he taxed people on a percentage of the food they grew. This made it easier for peasants to pay the tax. His land policy was less wise. He gave much land to government officials. However, when they died he took it back. As a result, workers did not see any point in caring for the land.

He had a strong, well-equipped army that helped him win and keep control of more lands. His empire held about 100 million people—more than lived in all of Europe at the time.

During Akbar’s reign, his policy of blending different cultures produced two new languages. One was Hindi, which is widely spoken in India today. The other was Urdu. It is now the official language of Pakistan. The empire became famous for its art, literature, and architecture. He also sponsored the building of a new capital city.

2. What are some examples of Akbar’s policy of fair rule?

AKBAR'S SUCCESSORS
(Pages 518–521)

Who ruled after Akbar?

After Akbar’s death in 1605, his son Jahangir took control of the empire. During his reign, the real power was his wife, Nur Jahan. She plotted with one son to overthrow another son. She had a bitter political battle with the Sikhs, members of a separate, nonviolent religion, who became the target of attacks.

The next ruler was Shah Jahan. He too chose not to follow Akbar’s policy of religious toleration. Shah Jahan was a great patron of the arts and built many beautiful buildings. One was the famous Taj Mahal, a tomb for his wife. His ambitious building plans required high taxes, though. People suffered under his rule.

His son Aurangzeb ruled for almost 50 years. He made the empire grow once again with new conquests. His rule also brought new problems. He was a devout Muslim, and he punished Hindus and destroyed their temples. This led to a rebellion that took part of his empire. At the same time, the Sikhs won control of another part of the empire.

3. How did Aurangzeb deal with Hindus?

THE EMPIRE’S DECLINE AND DECAY (Page 521)

How did the Mughal Empire lose its power?

Aurangzeb used up the empire’s resources. People did not feel loyalty to him. As the power of the state weakened, the power of local lords grew. Soon there was only a patchwork of independent states. There continued to be a Mughal emperor, but he was only a figurehead, not a ruler with any real power. As the Mughal empire was rising and falling, Western traders were building power. They arrived in India just before Babur did. Shah Jahan let the English build a trading fort in Madras. Aurangzeb handed them the port of Bombay. This gave India’s next conquerors a foothold in India.

4. How did the Mughal Empire change after Akbar?
Europeans Explore the East

Terms and Names

Bartolomeu Dias  Portuguese explorer who rounded the tip of Africa
Prince Henry  Portuguese supporter of exploration
Vasco da Gama  Explorer who gave Portugal a direct sea route to India
Treaty of Tordesillas  Treaty between Spain and Portugal dividing newly discovered lands between them
Dutch East India Company  Dutch company that established and directed trade throughout Asia

Before You Read

In the last chapter, you read about empire building in Asia.  
In this section, you will learn why and how Europeans began an age of exploration.

As You Read

Use a time line to take notes on important events in the European exploration of the East.

FOR “GOD, GLORY, AND GOLD”  
(Pages 529–530)
Why did Europeans begin to explore new lands?  
For many centuries, Europeans did not have much contact with people from other lands. That changed in the 1400s. Europeans hoped to gain new sources of wealth. By exploring the seas, traders hoped to find new, faster routes to Asia—the source of spices and luxury goods. Another reason for exploration was spreading Christianity to new lands.

Bartolomeu Dias, an early Portuguese explorer, explained his motives: “to serve God and His Majesty, to give light to those who were in darkness and to grow rich as all men desire to do.”

Advances in technology made these voyages possible. A new kind of ship, the caravel, was stronger than earlier ships. It had triangle-shaped sails that allowed it to sail against the wind. Ships could now travel far out into the ocean. The magnetic compass allowed sea captains to stay on course better.

1. What were the two main reasons for European exploration?

PORTUGAL LEADS THE WAY; SPAIN ALSO MAKES CLAIMS  
(Pages 530–533)
How did Portugal lead the way in exploration?  
Portugal was the first nation to develop the caravel and magnetic compass.
Prince Henry was committed to the idea of exploring. In 1419, he started a school of navigation. Sea captains, mapmakers, and navigators met and exchanged ideas there.

Over the next few decades, Portuguese captains sailed farther and farther down the west coast of Africa. In 1488, Bartolomeu Dias reached the southern tip of Africa. Ten years later, Vasco da Gama led a ship around Africa, to India and back. The Portuguese had found a sea route to Asia.

The Spanish, meanwhile, had plans of their own. Christopher Columbus convinced the king and queen that he could reach Asia by sailing west. In 1492, instead of landing in Asia, Columbus touched land in the islands of the Americas. Spain and Portugal argued over which nation had the rights to the land that Columbus had claimed. In 1494, they signed the Treaty of Tordesillas. It divided the world into two areas. Portugal won the right to control the eastern parts—including Africa, India, and other parts of Asia. Spain got the western parts—including most of the Americas.

2. How did Spain and Portugal solve their differences over claims to new lands?

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TRADING EMPIRES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN (Pages 533–535)

Who established trading empires in the Indian Ocean?

Portugal moved quickly to make the new Indian Ocean route pay off. Through military might, Portugal gained power over islands that were rich in desirable spices. They were called the Spice Islands. Spices now cost Europeans one-fifth of what they had cost before, while still making Portugal very wealthy.

Other European nations joined in this trade. In the 1600s, the English and Dutch entered the East Indies. They quickly broke Portuguese power in the area. Then both nations set up an East India Company to control Asian trade. These companies were more than businesses. They were like governments. They had the power to make money, sign treaties, and raise their own armies. The Dutch East India Company was richer and more powerful than England’s company.

By 1700, the Dutch ruled much of Indonesia. They had trading posts in many other Asian countries and commanded the southern tip of Africa. At the same time, both England and France finally gained footholds in India.

Nevertheless, even though Europeans controlled the trade between Asia and Europe, they had little impact on most people living in these areas.

3. How did the Dutch and English become Indian Ocean trading powers?

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China Limits European Contacts

Terms and Names

Hongwu  Commander of the rebel army that drove the Mongols out of China in 1368
Ming Dynasty  Chinese dynasty that ruled from 1368 to 1644
Yonglo  Ming ruler; son of Hongwu
Zheng He  Muslim admiral who led seven voyages of exploration during the Ming Dynasty
Manchus  People from Manchuria
Qing Dynasty  Chinese dynasty that followed the Ming Dynasty and was begun by the Manchus
Kangxi  Powerful Manchu emperor of the Qing Dynasty

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about European exploration in the East.

In this section, you will read about China’s reactions to the world around it.

As You Read

Use a chart to summarize relevant facts about each emperor discussed in this section.

CHINA UNDER THE POWERFUL MING DYNASTY (Pages 536–539)

What occurred during the Ming Dynasty?

Mongol rule in China ended in 1368 when Hongwu led a rebel army that took control of the country. He declared himself the first emperor of the Ming Dynasty, which was to last for almost 300 years. Hongwu began his rule by increasing the amount of food produced and improving the government. Later he grew suspicious and untrusting. He caused the deaths of many people whom he suspected of plotting against him.

His son Yonglo continued his better policies. He also launched a major effort at making contact with other Asian peoples. Beginning in 1405, an admiral named Zheng He led several voyages to Southeast Asia, India, Arabia, and Africa. Wherever he went, he gave away gifts to show Chinese superiority.

Eventually the Chinese began to isolate themselves. China allowed Europeans to trade at only three ports, but illegal trade took place all along the coast. Europeans wanted Chinese silk and ceramics, and they paid silver for them. Manufacturing never grew very large in China, however.
The Confucian ideas that shaped Chinese thinking said that farming was a better way of life, so manufacturing was heavily taxed. Missionaries entered China at this time, bringing both Christianity and technology.

1. How was China influenced by foreigners during the Ming Dynasty?

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LIFE IN MING AND QING CHINA (Page 541)

**What was life like in China under the Ming and Qing?**

In China, the production of rice and the long period of peace gave the people better lives. In the 1600s and 1700s, the number of people in China almost doubled. The majority of these people were farmers. Because of the use of fertilizer and better irrigation, they could grow more food. The level of nutrition improved. This caused the population to grow.

In Chinese families, sons were valued over daughters. It was believed that only sons could carry out family religious duties and tend to the family farm. For that reason, many infant girls were killed, and adult women had few rights.

The invasions by the foreigners from Manchuria and the pressure from European traders bothered the Chinese. They tried to preserve their traditions and their isolation. Artists created books and paintings that showed traditional Chinese values and ideas. Plays about Chinese history and heroes were popular. They helped to unify the Chinese people.

2. Why was trade a problem during the Qing Dynasty?

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3. Which parts of society improved during this time, and which continued to be the same?

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MANCHUS FOUND THE QING DYNASTY (Pages 539–540)

**How did China change during the Qing Dynasty?**

The Ming Dynasty lost power because the government could not solve several problems. Manchus, people who came from a land north of China called Manchuria, took control of the country in 1644. They started the **Qing Dynasty**. Two important emperors were **Kangxi** and his grandson **Qian-long**. They brought China to its largest size, increased its wealth, and sponsored an increase in artistic production.

The Chinese insisted that Europeans had to follow certain rules in order to continue trading with them. These rules included trading only at special ports and paying fees. The Dutch were willing to do so, and they carried on the largest share of trade with China. The British, though, did not agree to following these rules.

At the same time, a feeling of national pride was rising in Korea, which had long been dominated by China.
Japan Returns to Isolation

Terms and Names

daimyo  Warrior-chieftains

Oda Nobunaga  Daimyo who hoped to control all of Japan and seized Kyoto

Toyotomi Hideyoshi  Daimyo who took control of almost all of Japan

Tokugawa Shogunate  Dynasty that ruled Japan from 1603 to 1868

kabuki  Type of Japanese theater

haiku  Type of Japanese poetry

Before You Read

In the last section, you saw how the Chinese reacted to foreigners.

In this section, you will read about civil war in Japan and its effects.

As You Read

Use a chart to compare the achievements of the daimyo who unified Japan.

A NEW FEUDALISM UNDER STRONG LEADERS (Pages 542–544)

Why were warriors fighting in Japan?

From 1467 to 1568, Japan entered a long, dark period of civil war. Powerful warriors took control of large areas of land. They were called daimyo. They became the most important powers in the country. The daimyo fought each other constantly to gain more land for themselves.

In 1568, one of the daimyo, Oda Nobunaga, took control of Kyoto. It was the site of the emperor’s capital. Another general, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, continued the work of bringing all of Japan under one rule. Using military conquest and clever diplomacy, he won that goal in 1590. He failed in his effort to capture Korea, however.

The work of unifying Japan was completed by Tokugawa Ieyasu. He became the shogun, or sole ruler. He moved the capital of Japan to a small fishing village named Edo. Later, it grew to become the city of Tokyo.

While all of Japan was ruled by Tokugawa, the daimyo still held much power in their lands. Tokugawa solved that problem by forcing them to follow his orders. Tokugawa died in 1616. All of the shoguns to follow him were from his family. They maintained a strong central government in Japan. This system of rule, called the Tokugawa Shogunate, lasted until 1867.

1. Which three leaders helped bring Japan under one rule?

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How was Tokugawa society organized?

The new government brought about a long period of peace and prosperity for most people. Peasant farmers suffered greatly during this time, however. They worked long and hard on the farms and paid heavy taxes. Many left the countryside to move to the cities. By the mid-1700s, Edo had more than a million people. It was perhaps the largest city in the world. Women found more opportunities for work in this and other cities than they had in the country.

A traditional culture thrived, characterized by ceremonial dramas, stories of ancient warriors, and paintings of classical scenes. However, in cities, new styles emerged. Townspeople attended kabuki, dramas of urban life. They hung woodblock prints of city scenes in their homes. They also read haiku, poetry that presents images instead of expressing ideas.

2. What kinds of old and new culture were found in the cities?

CONTACT BETWEEN EUROPE AND JAPAN; THE CLOSED COUNTRY POLICY (Pages 545–547)

Who came to Japan?

In 1543, Europeans began to arrive in Japan. The Portuguese were first. In the beginning, Japanese merchants and the daimyo welcomed them. They even welcomed the Christian missionaries who came after 1549. Some missionaries scorned traditional Japanese beliefs. They also got involved in local politics. Tokugawa became worried. In 1612, he banned Christianity from the country. Christians were persecuted. Over the next 20 years or so, Japan managed to rid the country of all Christians. This was part of a larger plan to protect the country from European influence.

In 1639, leaders sealed Japan’s borders except for one port city. It was open to only the Chinese and the Dutch. The Tokugawa shoguns controlled that port city, so they had tight control over all foreign contact. For the next 200 years, Japan remained closed to just about all European contact.

3. Why did the Japanese seal almost all of their borders?
Spain Builds an American Empire

Terms and Names
Christopher Columbus  Italian explorer who landed in the Americas
colony  Land controlled by another nation
Hernando Cortés  Conquistador who defeated the Aztec
conquistadors  Spanish explorers in the Americas
Francisco Pizarro  Conquistador who defeated the Inca
Atahualpa  Last Incan emperor
mestizo  Person with mixed Spanish and Native American blood
encomienda  System of mining and farming using natives as slave labor

Before You Read
In the last chapter, you read about European exploration in the East.
In this section, you will study the Spanish and Portuguese exploration of the Americas.

As You Read
Use a diagram to trace the major events in the establishment of Spain's empire in the Americas.

THE VOYAGE OF COLUMBUS  
(Pages 553–554)
How did the voyage of Columbus change the Americas?
In 1492, Christopher Columbus, an Italian sailor, led a voyage for Spain. He sailed west hoping to reach Asia. Instead, he landed in the Americas. Columbus thought that he had reached the East Indies in Asia. He misnamed the natives he met there, calling them Indians. He claimed the land for Spain. From then on, Spain began to create colonies. Colonies are lands controlled by another nation.
In 1500, a Portuguese explorer claimed Brazil. In 1501, Amerigo Vespucci explored the eastern coast of South America. He said that these lands were a new world. Soon after, a mapmaker showed the lands as a separate continent. He named them America after Vespucci.
Other voyages gave Europeans more knowledge about the world. Balboa reached the Pacific Ocean. Ferdinand Magellan sailed completely around the world.
1. Which voyages gave Europeans new knowledge of the world?
SPANISH CONQUESTS IN MEXICO  
(Pages 554–556)  
**Why did Spain conquer the Aztecs?**

Hernando Cortés was one of the Spanish **conquistadors**, or conquerors. In the 16th century, they began to explore the lands of the Americas. They were seeking great riches. In 1519, Cortés came to Mexico and defeated the powerful Aztec Empire led by Montezuma II.

2. What was the main goal of Cortés in his conquests?

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SPANISH CONQUESTS IN PERU  
(Pages 556–557)  
**How did Spain build an empire?**

About 15 years later, **Francisco Pizarro** led another Spanish force. It conquered the mighty Inca Empire of South America, led by **Atahualpa**, the last of the Incan emperors. Once again, the Spanish found gold and silver. By the mid-1500s, Spain had formed an American empire that stretched from modern-day Mexico to Peru. After 1540, the Spanish looked north of Mexico and explored the future United States.

The Spanish lived among the people they conquered. Spanish men married native women. Their children and descendants were called **mestizo**—people with mixed Spanish and Native American blood. The Spanish also formed large farms and mines that used natives as slave labor. This system was known as **encomienda**.

   One large area of the Americas—Brazil—was the possession of Portugal. In the 1830s, colonists began to settle there. Colonists built huge farms called plantations to grow sugar, which was in demand in Europe.

3. Give two examples of conquistadors and explain what they did.

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SPAIN’S INFLUENCE EXPANDS  
(Page 558)  
**Where did Spain hope to gain more power?**

Soon Spain began to want even more power in the Americas. It started to look at land that is now part of the United States. Explorers like Coronado led expeditions to the area. Catholic priests went along.

4. What area did Coronado explore?

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OPPOSITION TO SPANISH RULE  
(Page 559)  
**Who opposed Spanish rule?**

Spanish priests began to make some protests, however. One thing they criticized was the **encomienda** system. A monk named Bartolomé de Las Casas and others successfully called for the end of the system.

Native Americans also resisted new or continued Spanish rule. One of the most serious rebellions occurred in New Mexico. A Pueblo leader named Popé led a well-organized effort. It involved about 17,000 warriors and drove the Spanish back into New Spain for 12 years.

5. What challenges to their power did the Spanish face?

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COMPETING CLAIMS IN NORTH AMERICA (Pages 561–562)
What new colonies were formed in North America?
In the early 1500s, the French began to explore North America. Jacques Cartier discovered and named the St. Lawrence River. He then followed it to the site of what is now Montreal. In 1608, Samuel de Champlain sailed as far as modern-day Quebec. In the next 100 years, the French explored and claimed the area around the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River all the way to its mouth at the Gulf of Mexico. The area became known as New France. The main activity in this colony was trade in beaver fur.

1. What was the main economic activity in New France?

THE ENGLISH ARRIVE IN NORTH AMERICA (Pages 562–563)
Why did the English settle in Massachusetts?
The English also began to colonize North America. The first permanent settlement was at Jamestown, in modern Virginia, in 1607. The colony struggled at first. Many settlers died from disease, hunger, or war with the native peoples.
Soon, farmers began to grow tobacco to meet the high demand for it in Europe.

In 1620, a group known as Pilgrims founded a second English colony in Plymouth, in Massachusetts. These settlers and others who followed were deeply religious people who did not agree with the practices of the Church of England. They were called Puritans.

Meanwhile, the Dutch also started a new colony. They settled in the location of modern New York City and called it New Netherland. Like the French, they traded fur. The colony became known as a home to people of many different cultures. Europeans also took possession of many islands of the Caribbean. There they built tobacco and sugar plantations that used enslaved Africans as workers.

2. In which two places did English colonists first settle?

3. How did England gain land from the French?

THE STRUGGLE FOR NORTH AMERICA (Pages 563–564)

Who fought for control of North America?

The European powers began to fight for control of North America. First, the English forced the Dutch to give up their colony. New Netherland was renamed New York. The English also started other colonies along the Atlantic coast, from New Hampshire to Georgia. These English colonists interfered with the French settlers in Canada.

The British and the French clashed over the Ohio Valley in 1754. The fight was called the French and Indian War. When it ended in 1763, France was forced to give up all its land in North America to England.

4. Why did Native Americans lose their way of life?

NATIVE AMERICANS RESPOND (Pages 564–565)

How did native peoples respond to the colonists?

The native peoples responded to the colonists in many different ways. Many worked closely with the French and Dutch, joining in the fur trade and benefiting from it. Those who lived near the English, though, had stormier relations with colonists. More than just trade, the English were interested in settling the land and farming it. This was land that Native Americans would not be able to use for hunting or growing their own food.

Conflicts over land erupted into war several times. One of the bloodiest times was known as King Philip’s War. The Native American ruler Metacom (also known as King Philip) led an attack on 52 colonial villages throughout Massachusetts. However, Metacom’s forces were no match for the settlers’ guns and cannons.

As in Spanish lands, the native peoples suffered even more from disease than from warfare. Thousands upon thousands of Native Americans died from European illnesses. This made it impossible for them to resist the growth of the colonies.
The Atlantic Slave Trade

Terms and Names

**Atlantic slave trade**  Buying and selling of Africans for work in the Americas

**triangular trade**  European trade between the Americas, Africa, and Europe involving slaves and other goods

**middle passage**  Voyage that brought captured Africans to the West Indies and the Americas

Before You Read

In the last section, you saw how different European nations settled in North America.

In this section, you will read about the slave trade that brought Africans to the Americas.

As You Read

Use an outline to list effects of the Atlantic slave trade.

THE CAUSES OF AFRICAN SLAVERY (Pages 566–567)

**What was the Atlantic slave trade?**

Slavery has had a long history in Africa and in the world. For most of that history in Africa, though, large numbers of people had not been enslaved. That changed in the 600s, when Muslim traders started to take many slaves to Southwest Asia.

Most worked as servants, and they did have certain rights. Also, the sons and daughters of slaves were considered to be free. The European slave trade that began in the 1500s was larger. The enslaved Africans also were treated far more harshly.

In the Americas, Europeans first used Native Americans to work farms and mines. When the native peoples began dying from disease, the Europeans brought in Africans. The buying and selling of Africans for work in the Americas became known as the **Atlantic slave trade**. From 1500 to 1870, when the slave trade in the Americas finally ended, about 9.5 million Africans had been imported as slaves.

The Spanish first began the practice of bringing Africans to the Americas. However, the Portuguese increased the demand for slaves. They were looking for workers for their sugar plantations in Brazil.

1. Why were slaves brought to the Americas? _____________________________

SLAVERY SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS (Pages 567–568)

**What sorts of plantations existed in the Americas?**
Other European colonies also brought slaves to work on tobacco, sugar, and coffee plantations. About 400,000 slaves were brought to the English colonies in North America. Their population had increased to about 2 million in 1830.

Many African rulers joined in the slave trade. They captured people inland and brought them to the coast to sell to European traders.

2. How did some African rulers participate in the slave trade?

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A FORCED JOURNEY (Pages 568–569)

What kinds of trade included human beings?

Africans taken to the Americas were part of a triangular trade between Europe, Africa, and the Americas. European ships brought manufactured goods to Africa, trading them for people. They carried Africans across the Atlantic to the Americas, where they were sold into slavery. The traders then bought sugar, coffee, and tobacco to bring back to Europe.

Another triangle involved ships sailing from the northern English colonies in North America. They carried rum to Africa, people to the West Indies, and sugar and molasses back to the colonies to make more rum.

The part of the voyage that brought people to the Americas was called the middle passage. It was harsh and cruel.

People were crammed into ships, beaten, and given little food. About 20 percent of the people on these ships died.

3. What was the triangular trade?

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SLAVERY IN THE AMERICAS; CONSEQUENCES OF THE SLAVE TRADE (Pages 569–570)

What was life like for the slaves?

Life on the plantations was harsh as well. People were sold to the highest bidder. They worked from dawn to dusk in the fields. They lived in small huts and had little food and clothing. Africans kept alive their traditional music and beliefs to try to maintain their spirits. Sometimes they rebelled. From North America to Brazil, from 1522 to the 1800s, there were small-scale slave revolts.

The Atlantic slave trade had a huge impact on both Africa and the Americas. In Africa many cultures lost generations of members. Africans began fighting Africans over the control of the slave trade.

The Africans’ labor helped build the Americas. They brought skills and culture too. Many of the nations of the Americas have mixed race populations.

4. How did Africans change the Americas?

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The Columbian Exchange and
Global Trade

Terms and Names

Columbian Exchange  Global transfer of foods, plants, and animals during the
colonization of the Americas

capitalism  Economic system based on private ownership and the investment of wealth
for profit

joint-stock company  Company in which people pooled their wealth for a common
purpose

mercantilism  Economic policy of increasing wealth and power by obtaining large
amounts of gold and silver and selling more goods than are bought

favorable balance of trade  Condition resulting from selling more goods than are bought

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the slave trade.

In this section, you will learn about other kinds of trade.

As You Read

Use a chart to take notes on the Columbian Exchange.

THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE
(Pages 571–573)

What was the Columbian Exchange?

There was constant movement of people and products from Europe and Africa to the Americas. The large-scale transfer of foods, plants, and animals was called the **Columbian Exchange**.

Important foods such as corn and potatoes were taken from the Americas to Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Some foods moved from the Old World to the New. Bananas, black-eyed peas, and yams were taken from Africa to the Americas. Cattle, pigs, and horses had never been seen in the Americas until the Europeans brought them. Deadly illnesses also moved to the Americas. They killed a large part of the Native American population.

1. What did the Columbian Exchange take from the Americas, and what did it bring?

GLOBAL TRADE  (Pages 573–574)

How did business change?

The settling of the Americas and the growth of trade started an economic revolution. This revolution led to new business practices still followed today.
One was the rise of an economic system called **capitalism**. It is based on private ownership of property and the right of a business to earn a profit on money it has invested.

Another new business idea was the **joint-stock company**. In this type of company, many investors pool their money to start a business and share in the profits.

2. What is capitalism?

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**THE GROWTH OF MERCANTILISM**

(Pages 574–575)

*Why were colonies important in mercantilism?*

   During the Commercial Revolution, European governments began to follow an idea called **mercantilism**. According to this theory, a country’s power depended on its wealth. Getting more gold and silver increased a country’s wealth. So did selling more goods than it bought. Selling more than it bought would result in a favorable balance of trade. Colonies played an important role because they provided goods that could be sold in trade.

   The American colonies changed European society. Merchants grew wealthy and powerful. Towns and cities grew larger. Still, most people lived in the countryside, farmed for a living, and were poor.

3. Why were colonies important to European mercantilism?

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Spain’s Empire and European Absolutism

Terms and Names

Philip II  Spanish king who took control of Portugal but failed in his invasion of England
absolute monarch  King or queen with complete control
divine right  Idea that a ruler receives the right to rule from God

Before You Read

In the last chapter, you read about Europe’s new relationship to the Americas.

In this section, you will learn about changes occurring in Europe in the 1500s and 1600s.

As You Read

Use a chart to list the conditions that allowed European monarchs to gain power.

A POWERFUL SPANISH EMPIRE  
(Pages 589–591)

How did Spain’s power increase and then decrease?

Charles V of Spain ruled the Holy Roman Empire and other European countries. In 1556, he left the throne and split his holdings. His brother Ferdinand received Austria and the Holy Roman Empire. His son, Philip II, got Spain and its colonies.

Philip II then took control of Portugal when the king of Portugal, his uncle, died without an heir. Philip also got its global territories in Africa, India, and the East Indies. When he tried to invade England in 1588, though, he failed. The defeat made Spain weaker. However, Spain still seemed strong because of the wealth—gold and silver—that flowed in from its colonies in the Americas.

1. Who was Philip II?

GOLDEN AGE OF SPANISH ART AND LITERATURE  (Pages 591–592)

How did works from the golden age of Spanish art and literature reflect the values and attitudes of the period?

Spain’s great wealth allowed monarchs and nobles to become patrons of artists. Two of the greatest artists of the 16th and 17th century were El Greco and Diego Velázquez. El Greco’s work reflected the faith of Spain during this period. The paintings of Velázquez reflected the pride of the Spanish monarchy.

In literature, Miguel de Cervantes wrote Don Quixote de la Mancha, which ushered in the birth of the modern European novel.
The novel tells the story of a Spanish nobleman who reads too many books about heroic knights.

2. Who were some of the artists and writers of Spain’s golden age?

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THE SPANISH EMPIRE WEAKENS
(Pages 592–593)

What weakened the Spanish Empire?

Spain’s new wealth led to some serious problems. The prices of goods constantly rose. Unfair taxes kept the poor from building up any wealth of their own. As prices rose, Spaniards bought more goods from other lands. To finance their wars, Spanish kings had to borrow money from banks in foreign countries. The silver from the colonies began to flow to Spain’s enemies.

In the middle of these troubles, Spain lost land. Seven provinces of the Spanish Netherlands rose in protest against high taxes and attempts to crush Protestantism in the Netherlands. These seven provinces were Protestant, whereas Spain was strongly Catholic. In 1579, they declared their independence from Spain and became the United Provinces of the Netherlands. The ten southern provinces (present-day Belgium) were Catholic and remained under Spanish control.

3. Why did Spain lose its power?

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THE INDEPENDENT DUTCH PROSPER (Pages 593–594)

Why did the Dutch prosper?

The United Provinces of the Netherlands was different from other European states of the time. It was a republic, not a kingdom. Each province had a leader elected by the people.

The Dutch also practiced religious tolerance, letting people worship as they wished. Dutch merchants established a trading empire. They had the largest fleet of merchant ships in the world. They were also the most important bankers in Europe.


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ABSOLUTISM IN EUROPE
(Pages 594–595)

What is absolutism?

Though he lost his Dutch possessions, Philip continued to hold tight control over Spain. He wanted to control the lives of his people. Philip and others who ruled in the same way were called absolute monarchs. They believed in holding all power. They also believed in divine right. This is the idea that a ruler receives the right to rule from God.

Widespread unrest in Europe in the 17th century led to an increase in absolute rule, or absolutism, and its restrictions. Absolute rulers used their increased power to impose order. They wanted to free themselves from the limitations imposed by the nobility and government bodies.

5. What did absolute monarchs believe?

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The Reign of Louis XIV

Terms and Names

**Edict of Nantes**  Order that gave Huguenots the right to live in peace in Catholic France
**Cardinal Richelieu**  Chief minister of France who reduced the power of the nobles
**skepticism**  Belief that nothing could be known for certain
**Louis XIV**  French king who was an absolute ruler
**intendant**  Official of the French government
**Jean Baptiste Colbert**  Chief Minister of Finance under Louis XIV
**War of the Spanish Succession**  War fought by other European nations against France and Spain when those two states tried to unite their thrones

Before You Read

In the last section, you were introduced to the idea of absolutism.
In this section, you will read about absolute power in France.

As You Read

Use a time line to list the major events of Louis XIV’s reign.

**RELIGIOUS WARS AND POWER STRUGGLES; WRITERS TURN TOWARD SKEPTICISM**  (Pages 596–598)

**What changes were occurring in France?**

France was torn by eight religious wars between Catholics and Protestants from 1562 to 1598.

In 1589, a Protestant prince, Henry of Navarre, became King Henry IV. In 1593, he changed religions. He became a Catholic to please the majority of his people. In 1598, he issued an order called the **Edict of Nantes**. It gave Huguenots—French Protestants—the right to live in peace and have their own churches in some cities.

Henry rebuilt the French economy and brought peace to the land. He was followed by his son, Louis XIII, a weak king. However, Louis had a very capable chief minister, **Cardinal Richelieu**. Richelieu ruled the land for Louis and increased the power of the crown.

The cardinal ordered the Huguenots not to build walls around their cities. He also said nobles had to destroy their castles. As a result, Protestants and nobles could not hide within walls to defy the king’s power. Richelieu used people from the middle class—not nobles—to work in his government. That also reduced the power of the nobles.

French thinkers had reacted to the religious wars with horror. They developed a new philosophy called **skepticism**. Nothing could be known for certain, they argued. Doubting old ideas was the first step to learning the truth, they said.
1. How did the monarchy get stronger in France?

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LOUIS XIV COMES TO POWER
(Pages 598–599)
How did Louis XIV rule?

In 1643, Louis XIV became king at the age of about five. Cardinal Mazarin, who succeeded Richelieu as minister, ruled for Louis until he was 22. Louis became a powerful ruler, who had total control of France. He was determined to never let nobles challenge him.

He kept the nobles out of his government. He gave more power to government officials called intendants and made sure that they answered only to him. He also worked hard to increase the wealth of France. His chief minister of finance, Jean Baptiste Colbert, tried to build French industry. Colbert wanted to persuade French people to buy French-made goods and not those from other countries. He urged people to settle in the new French colony of Canada in North America. The fur trade there brought wealth to France.

2. How did Louis make sure he kept his power?

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THE SUN KING’S GRAND STYLE;
LOUIS FIGHTS DISASTROUS WARS
(Pages 599–602)
What changes did Louis make?

Louis enjoyed a life of luxury at his court. He built a huge and beautiful palace at Versailles near Paris. He also made sure that nobles had to depend on his favor to advance in society.

Louis made France the most powerful nation in Europe. France had a larger population and a bigger army than any other country. However, Louis made some mistakes that later proved costly. After winning some wars against neighboring countries, he became bolder and tried to seize more land. Other nations allied to stop France in the late 1680s. The high cost of these wars combined with poor harvests to produce problems at home in France.

The final war fought in Louis’s time was fought over succession to the throne of Spain and lasted from 1700 to 1713. In this War of the Spanish Succession, France and Spain attempted to set up united thrones. The rest of Europe felt threatened and joined in war against them. Both France and Spain were forced to give up some of their American and European colonies to England. England was the new rising power.

3. How did Louis XIV bring disaster to France?

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Central European Monarchs Clash

Terms and Names

**Thirty Years’ War** Conflict over religion, territory, and power among European ruling families

**Maria Theresa** Empress of Austria whose main enemy was Prussia

**Frederick the Great** Leader of Prussia who sought to increase his territory

**Seven Years’ War** Conflict from 1756 to 1763 in which the forces of Britain and Prussia battled those of Austria, France, Russia, and other countries

Before You Read

In the last section, you read how absolute power grew in France.

In this section, you will learn about absolutism in Austria and Prussia.

As You Read

Use a chart to compare Maria Theresa with Frederick the Great.

THE THIRTY YEARS' WAR

(Pages 603–604)

*What caused the Thirty Years’ War?*

Germany had suffered from religious wars that ended in 1555. Rulers of each German state agreed that they would decide whether their lands would be Catholic or Protestant. Relations between sides became tense over the next decades. Then in 1618, a new war broke out and lasted for 30 terrible years. It was called the Thirty Years’ War.

During the first half of the war, Catholic forces led by Ferdinand, the Holy Roman Emperor, won. However, Germany suffered because he allowed his large army to loot towns. Then the Protestant king of Sweden, Gustavus Adolphus, won several battles against him.

In the last years of the war, France helped the Protestants. Although France was a Catholic nation, Richelieu feared the growing power of the Hapsburg family, which was headed by Frederick.

The Thirty Years’ War ended in 1648 with the Peace of Westphalia. It had been a disaster for Germany. About 4 million people had died, and the economy was in ruins. It took Germany two centuries to recover.

The peace treaty weakened the power of Austria and Spain. But it made France stronger. The French gained German territory. The treaty also made German princes independent of the Holy Roman Emperor. It ended religious wars in Europe. Lastly, the treaty introduced a new way of negotiating peace—a method still used today. All states involved in the fighting meet to settle the problems of a war and decide the terms of peace.
1. What were three results of the Thirty Years’ War?

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STATES FORM IN CENTRAL EUROPE (Page 605)
Who ruled Austria?

The formation of strong states took place slowly in central Europe. The economies there were less developed than in western Europe. Most people were still peasants. This region had not built an economy based on cities and commercialism. Nobles enjoyed great influence. This helped them keep the serfs on the land and prevent the rise of strong rulers. Still, two important states arose.

The Hapsburg family ruled Austria, Hungary, and Bohemia. Their empire linked many different peoples—Czechs, Hungarians, Italians, Croatians, and Germans. Maria Theresa, the daughter of Charles VI, was empress of Austria in the mid–1700s. She managed to increase her power and reduce that of the nobles. She was opposed by the kings of Prussia, a new powerful state in northern Germany.

2. Who were the Hapsburgs?

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PRUSSIA CHALLENGES AUSTRIA (Pages 606–607)

What was Prussia?

Like Austria, Prussia rose to power in the late 1600s. Like the Hapsburgs of Austria, Prussia’s ruling family, the Hohenzollerns, also had ambitions.

Prussia was a strong state that gave much power to its large, well-trained army. In 1740, Frederick the Great of Prussia invaded one of Maria Theresa’s lands. Austria fought hard to keep the territory, but lost. Still, in fighting the War of the Austrian Succession, Maria Theresa managed to keep the rest of her empire intact.

The two sides fought again, beginning in 1756. In the Seven Years’ War, Austria abandoned Britain, its old ally, for France and Russia. Prussia joined with Britain. The Prussians and British won. In that victory, Britain gained economic domination of India.

3. What effect did fighting between Austria and Prussia have on Britain?

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Absolute Rulers of Russia

Terms and Names

Ivan the Terrible  Ruler who added lands to Russia, gave it a code of laws, and also used his secret police to execute “traitors”

boyar  Russian noble who owned land

Peter the Great  Important leader of Russia who started westernization

westernization  Use of western Europe as a model of change

Before You Read

In the last section, you read how Austria and Prussia became strong states.

In this section, you will learn how Russia developed into a powerful state.

As You Read

Use a cluster diagram to list the important events of Peter the Great’s reign.

THE FIRST CZAR (Pages 608–609)

Who was Ivan the Terrible?

Ivan III had begun centralizing the Russian government. His son, Vasily, continued the work of adding territory to the growing Russian state. Ivan’s grandson, Ivan IV, was called Ivan the Terrible. He came to the throne in 1533, when he was three years old.

At first, landowning nobles, known as boyars, tried to control Ivan. Eventually, he ruled successfully on his own. He added lands to Russia and gave the country a code of laws. After his wife, Anastasia, died, however, his rule turned harsh. He used secret police to hunt down enemies and kill them. Ivan even murdered his oldest son.

A few years after he died, Russian nobles met to name a new ruler. They chose Michael Romanov, the grandnephew of Ivan the Terrible’s wife.

He began the Romanov dynasty, which ruled Russia for about 300 years.

1. What good and bad did Ivan the Terrible do?
   
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PETER THE GREAT COMES TO POWER (Page 609)

Who was Peter the Great?

The Romanovs restored order to Russia. In the late 1600s, Peter I came to power. He was called Peter the Great because he was one of Russia’s greatest reformers. He began an intense program of trying to modernize Russia. He also continued the trend of increasing the czar’s power.
When Peter came to power, Russia was still a land of boyars and serfs. Serfdom lasted much longer in Russia than it did in western Europe. It continued into the mid−1800s.

When a Russian landowner sold a piece of land, he sold the serfs with it. Landowners could give away serfs as presents or to pay debts. It was also against the law for serfs to run away from their owners.

Most boyars knew little of western Europe. But Peter admired the nations of western Europe. He traveled in Europe to learn about new technology and ways of working. It was the first time a czar traveled in the West.

2. Why did Peter the Great visit Europe?  

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PETER RULES ABSOLUTELY  

(Pages 610–611)  

What changes did Peter the Great make?  

Peter the Great wanted Russia to be the equal of the countries of western Europe.

He wanted Russia to be strong both in its military and in its trade.

To meet these goals, Peter changed Russia. His first steps were to increase his powers, so he could force people to make the changes he wanted. He put the Russian Orthodox Church under his control. He reduced the power of nobles. He built up the army and made it better trained.

Peter also changed Russia through westernization. He took several steps to make Russia more western. He brought in potatoes as a new food, began Russia’s first newspaper, gave more social status to women, and told the nobles to adopt Western clothes. He promoted education.

Peter also knew Russia needed a seaport that would make it easier to travel to the west. He fought a long war with Sweden to gain land along the shores of the Baltic Sea. There he built a grand new capital city, St. Petersburg. By the time of Peter’s death in 1725, Russia was an important power in Europe.

3. How did Peter the Great increase his power?  

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Parliament Limits the English Monarchy

**Terms and Names**

**Charles I**  King of England who was executed  
**English Civil War**  War fought from 1642 to 1649 between the Royalists, or Cavaliers, and the Puritan supporters of Parliament  
**Oliver Cromwell**  Leader of the Puritans  
**Restoration**  Period after the monarchy was restored in England  
**habeas corpus**  Law giving prisoners the right to obtain a document saying that the prisoner cannot go to jail without being brought before a judge  
**Glorious Revolution**  Bloodless overthrow of King James II  
**constitutional monarchy**  Government in which laws limit the monarch’s power  
**cabinet**  A group of government ministers that was a link between the monarch and Parliament

**Before You Read**

In the last section, you saw how power was becoming more absolute in Russia.

In this section, you will see how the power of the monarch was challenged and weakened in England.

**As You Read**

Use a chart to list the causes of the English monarchs’ conflicts with Parliament.

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**MONARCHS DEFY PARLIAMENT**  
(Page 614)  
**Why was there tension between the monarchy and Parliament?**  
When Queen Elizabeth I died, her cousin James, king of Scotland, became king of England. The reign of James I began a long series of struggles between king and Parliament. They fought over money. James’s religious policies also angered the Puritans in Parliament.

During the reign of his son, **Charles I**, there was continued conflict between king and Parliament. Parliament forced Charles to sign the Petition of Right in 1628. By signing, Charles agreed that the king had to answer to Parliament. But he then dissolved Parliament and tried to raise money without it.

1. How did Charles I make Parliament angry?
ENGLISH CIVIL WAR (Pages 615–616)

Who fought the English Civil War?

When Charles tried to force Presbyterian Scots to follow the Anglican Church, Scotland threatened to invade England. Charles needed money to fight. When Charles called a new Parliament to get money, it quickly passed laws to limit his power.

Soon England was fighting a civil war. Charles and his Royalists were opposed by the supporters of Parliament. Many of Parliament’s supporters were Puritans.

The English Civil War lasted from 1642 to 1649. Under the leadership of Oliver Cromwell, the forces of the Puritans won. They tried and executed Charles for treason against Parliament.

3. Why did the Glorious Revolution take place?

LIMITS ON MONARCH’S POWER
(Page 617)

How was the power of the monarchy decreased in England?

William and Mary agreed to rule according to the laws made by Parliament. That is, Parliament became their partner in governing. England was now a constitutional monarchy, where laws limited the ruler’s power.

William and Mary also agreed to accept the Bill of Rights. It guaranteed the people and Parliament certain rights.

By the 1700s, it was clear that the government of England would come to a standstill if the monarch disagreed with Parliament or vice versa. This led to the development of the cabinet. This group of government ministers became the first link between the monarch and Parliament.
The Scientific Revolution

Terms and Names
Scientific Revolution  New way of thinking about the natural world based on careful observation and a willingness to question
heliocentric theory  Theory that the sun is at the center of the universe
geocentric theory  View which held that the earth was the center of the universe
Galileo Galilei  Scientist who was forced by the Catholic Church to take back scientific ideas that disagreed with the church’s view
scientific method  Logical procedure for gathering and testing ideas
Isaac Newton  Scientist who discovered laws of motion and gravity

Before You Read
In the last chapter, you learned about wars and political changes in Europe.

In this section, you will read how the Enlightenment transformed Europe and helped lead to the American Revolution.

As You Read
Use a web diagram to record the events and circumstances that led to the Scientific Revolution.

THE ROOTS OF MODERN SCIENCE (Pages 623–624)
How did modern science begin?
During the Middle Ages, few scholars questioned beliefs that had been long held. Europeans based their ideas on what ancient Greeks and Romans believed or on the Bible. People still thought that the earth was the center of the universe. They believed that the sun, moon, other planets, and stars moved around it.

In the mid-1500s, attitudes began to change. Scholars started what is called the Scientific Revolution. It was a new way of thinking about the natural world. It was based on careful observation and the willingness to question old beliefs. European voyages of exploration helped to bring about the Scientific Revolution. When Europeans explored new lands, they saw plants and animals that ancient writers had never seen. These discoveries led to new courses of study in the universities of Europe.

1. What was the Scientific Revolution?

A REVOLUTIONARY MODEL OF THE UNIVERSE (Pages 624–625)
How did new ideas change accepted thinking in astronomy?
The first challenge to accepted thinking in science came in astronomy. In the early 1500s, Nicolaus Copernicus, a Polish astronomer, studied the stars and planets.
He developed a **heliocentric theory**. Heliocentric meant sun-centered. It said that Earth, like all the other planets, revolved around the sun. Copernicus did not publish his findings until just before his death. He had been afraid that his ideas would be attacked because they went against the **geocentric theory**. This theory held that the earth was at the center of the universe. In the early 1600s, Johannes Kepler used mathematics to prove that Copernicus’s basic idea was correct.

An Italian scientist—Galileo Galilei—made several discoveries that also undercut ancient ideas. He made one of the first telescopes and used it to study the planets. He found that Jupiter had moons, the sun had spots, and Earth’s moon was rough. Some of his ideas about the earth, the sun, and the planets went against the teaching of the Catholic Church. Church authorities forced Galileo to take back his statements. Still, his ideas spread.

2. What old belief about the universe did the new discoveries destroy?

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**THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD**

(Pages 625–626)

*Why was the scientific method an important development?*

Interest in science led to a new approach, the **scientific method**. With this method, scientists ask a question based on something they have seen in the physical world. They form a hypothesis, or an attempt to answer the question. Then they test the hypothesis by making experiments or checking other facts. Finally, they change the hypothesis if needed.

The English writer Francis Bacon helped create this new approach to knowledge. He said scientists should base their thinking on what they can observe and test. The French mathematician René Descartes also influenced the use of the scientific method. His thinking was based on logic and mathematics.

3. What thinkers helped advance the use of the scientific method?

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**NEWTON EXPLAINS THE LAW OF GRAVITY; THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION SPREADS**

(Pages 626–628)

*What scientific discoveries were made?*

In the mid-1600s, the English scientist Isaac Newton described the law of gravity. Using mathematics, Newton showed that the same force ruled both the motion of planets and the action of bodies on the earth.

Other scientists made new tools to study the world around them. One invented a microscope. Others invented tools for understanding weather.

Doctors also made advances. One made drawings that showed the different parts of the human body. Another learned how the heart pumped blood through the body. In the late 1700s, Edward Jenner first used the process called vaccination to prevent disease. By giving a person the germs from a cattle disease called cowpox, he helped that person avoid getting the more serious human disease of smallpox.

Scientists made progress in chemistry as well. One questioned the old idea that things were made of only four elements—earth, air, fire, and water. He and other scientists separated oxygen from air.

4. How did the science of medicine change?
The Enlightenment in Europe

TWO VIEWS ON GOVERNMENT
(Pages 629–630)
What were the views of Hobbes and Locke?

The Enlightenment was an intellectual movement. Enlightenment thinkers tried to apply reason and the scientific method to laws that shaped human actions. They hoped to build a society founded on ideas of the Scientific Revolution. Two English writers—Thomas Hobbes and John Locke—were important to this movement. They came to very different conclusions about government and human nature.

Hobbes wrote that there would be a war of “every man against every man” if there were no government. To avoid this war, Hobbes said, people formed a social contract. It was an agreement between people and their government. People gave up their rights to the government so they could live in a safe and orderly way. The best government, he said, is that of a strong king who can force all people to obey.

John Locke believed that people have three natural rights. They are life, liberty, and property. The purpose of government is to protect these rights. When it fails to do so, he said, people have a right to overthrow the government.

1. How were Hobbes’s and Locke’s views different?
THE PHILOSOPHES ADVOCATE REASON (Pages 630–632)

Who were the philosophes?

French thinkers called philosophes had five main beliefs: (1) thinkers can find the truth by using reason; (2) what is natural is good and reasonable, and human actions are shaped by natural laws; (3) acting according to nature can bring happiness; (4) by taking a scientific view, people and society can make progress and advance to a better life; and (5) by using reason, people can gain freedom.

The most brilliant of the philosophes was the writer Voltaire. He fought for tolerance, reason, freedom of religious belief, and freedom of speech. Baron de Montesquieu wrote about separation of powers—dividing power among the separate branches of government. The third great philosophe was Jean Jacques Rousseau. He wrote in favor of human freedom. He wanted a society in which all people were equal. Cesare Beccaria was an Italian philosophe. He spoke out against abuses of justice.

2. Name the types of freedoms that Enlightenment thinkers championed.

WOMEN AND THE ENLIGHTENMENT; LEGACY OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT (Pages 633–634)

What were Enlightenment views about individuals?

Many Enlightenment thinkers held traditional views about women’s place in society. They wanted equal rights for all men but paid no attention to the fact that women did not have such rights. Some women protested this unfair situation. “If all men are born free,” stated British writer Mary Wollstonecraft, “how is it that all women are born slaves?”

Enlightenment ideas strongly influenced the American and French revolutions. Enlightenment thinkers also helped spread the idea of progress. By using reason, they said, it is possible to make society better. Enlightenment thinkers helped make the world less religious and more worldly. They also stressed the importance of the individual.

3. Explain the influence of Enlightenment ideas.
The Enlightenment Spreads

Terms and Names
- **salon**: Social gathering for discussing ideas or enjoying art.
- **baroque**: Grand, ornate style.
- **neoclassical**: Simple style that borrowed ideas from classical Greece and Rome.
- **enlightened despot**: Ruler who supported Enlightenment ideas but did not give up power.
- **Catherine the Great**: Russian ruler who took steps to reform and modernize Russia.

Before You Read
In the last section, you read how Enlightenment ideas began.
In this section, you will learn about the spread of these ideas.

As You Read
Use a chart to take notes on how Enlightenment ideas were spread.

A WORLD OF IDEAS (Page 636)
**How did ideas spread from individual to individual?**
In the 1700s, Paris was the cultural center of Europe. People came there from other countries to hear the new ideas of the Enlightenment. Writers and artists held social gatherings called **salons**. A woman named Marie-Thérèse Geoffrin became famous for hosting these discussions.

Geoffrin also supplied the money for one of the major projects of the Enlightenment. With her funds, Denis Diderot and other thinkers wrote and published a huge set of books called the *Encyclopedia*. Their aim was to gather all that was known about the world.

The French government and officials in the Catholic Church did not like many of the ideas that were published in the *Encyclopedia*. They banned the books at first. Later, however, they changed their minds.

The ideas of the Enlightenment were spread throughout Europe by works like the *Encyclopedia* and through meetings in homes. The ideas also spread to the growing middle class. This group was becoming wealthy but had less social status than nobles. They also had very little political power. Ideas about equality sounded good to them.

1. **Why were salons important?**

NEW ARTISTIC STYLES (Page 637)
**How did art and literature change?**
The arts—painting, architecture, music, and literature—moved in new directions in the late 1700s. They used Enlightenment ideas of order and reason.
Earlier European painting had been very grand and highly decorated. It was a style known as baroque. Now styles began to change. A new simpler, yet elegant, style of painting and architecture developed. This style borrowed ideas and themes from Classical Greece and Rome. That is the reason it was called neoclassical.

In music, the style of the period is called classical. Three important composers of the time were Franz Joseph Haydn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Ludwig von Beethoven. They composed music that was elegant and original. New musical forms were developed, including the sonata and the symphony.

In literature, the novel became popular. This new form presented long stories with twisting plots. It explored the thoughts and feelings of characters. A number of European authors, including women, began writing novels. These books were popular with the middle class. They liked entertaining stories in everyday language.

2. What new styles and forms appeared in art, music, and literature?

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ENLIGHTENMENT AND MONARCHY (Pages 638–639)

**Who were the enlightened despots?**

Some Enlightenment thinkers believed that the best form of government was a monarchy. In it, a ruler respected people’s rights. These thinkers tried to influence rulers to rule fairly. Rulers who followed Enlightenment ideas in part but were unwilling to give up much power were called enlightened despots.

Frederick the Great of Prussia was an enlightened despot. He gave his people religious freedom and improved schooling. He also reformed the justice system. However, he did nothing to end serfdom, which made peasants slaves to the wealthy landowners. Joseph II of Austria did end serfdom. Once he died, though, the nobles who owned the lands were able to undo this reform.

Catherine the Great of Russia was another of the rulers influenced by Enlightenment ideas. She tried to reform Russia’s laws but met resistance. She had hoped to end serfdom. But a bloody peasants’ revolt persuaded her to change her mind. Instead, she gave the nobles even more power over serfs. Catherine did manage to gain new land for Russia. Russia, Prussia, and Austria agreed to divide Poland among themselves. As a result, Poland disappeared as a separate nation for almost 150 years.

3. In what way was Frederick the Great typical of an enlightened despot?
The American Revolution

**Terms and Names**

**Declaration of Independence** Document declaring American independence from Britain

**Thomas Jefferson** Author of the Declaration of Independence

**checks and balances** System in which each branch of government checks, or limits, the power of the other two branches

**federal system** System of government in which power is divided between the national and state governments

**Bill of Rights** First ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution; protections of basic rights for individuals

**Before You Read**

In the last section, you read about the spread of Enlightenment ideas in Europe.

In this section, you will learn how Enlightenment ideas influenced the American Revolution.

**As You Read**

Use a chart to list the problems American colonists faced in shaping their republic and solutions they found.

**BRITAIN AND ITS AMERICAN COLONIES** (Page 640)

*How were the colonies governed?*

The British colonies in North America grew in population and wealth during the 1700s. Population went from about 250,000 in 1700 to 2,150,000 in 1770. Economically, they prospered on trade with the nations of Europe. The 13 colonies also had a kind of self-government. People in the colonies began to see themselves less and less as British subjects. Still, Parliament passed laws that governed the colonies. One set of laws banned trade with any nation other than Britain.

**AMERICANS WIN INDEPENDENCE** (Pages 641–643)

*What caused Britain and America to grow apart?*

The high cost of the French and Indian War led Parliament to tax the colonists. The colonists became very angry. They had never before paid taxes directly to the British government. They said that the taxes violated their rights.
Since Parliament had no members from the colonies, they said, Parliament had no right to tax them.

The colonists met the first tax, passed in 1765, with a boycott of British goods. Their refusal to buy British products was very effective. It forced Parliament to repeal the law.

Over the next decade, the colonists and Britain grew further apart. Some colonists wanted to push the colonies to independence. They took actions that caused Britain to act harshly. Eventually, the conflict led to war. Representatives of the colonies met in a congress and formed an army. In July 1776, they announced that they were independent of Britain. They issued the Declaration of Independence. It was based on Enlightenment ideas. Thomas Jefferson wrote it.

From 1775 to 1781, the colonies and the British fought a war in North America. The colonists had a poorly equipped army, and Britain was one of the most powerful nations in the world. However, in the end, the colonies won their independence.

The British people grew tired of the cost of the war and pushed Parliament to agree to a peace. The Americans were also helped greatly by aid from France. In 1783, the two sides signed a treaty. In it, Britain recognized the independent United States of America.

2. Name some of the steps that led to the American Revolution.

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AMERICANS CREATE A REPUBLIC
(Pages 644–645)
What are some fundamental ideas in the U.S. Constitution?

The 13 states formed a new government under the Article of Confederation. This government was very weak. States held all the power and the central government had little. This proved unworkable. In 1787, American leaders met again. They wrote a new framework of government.

The Constitution of the United States drew on many Enlightenment ideas. It used Montesquieu’s idea of separation of powers into three branches of government. Through a system of checks and balances, each branch was able to prevent other branches from abusing their power. The Constitution also set up a federal system. Under this system, power was divided between national and state governments.

The Constitution also used Locke’s idea of putting power in the hands of the people. It used Voltaire’s ideas to protect the right to free speech and freedom of religion. It used Beccaria’s ideas about a fair system of justice.

Many of these rights were ensured in a set of additions to the Constitution called the Bill of Rights. The inclusion of a bill of rights helped win approval for the Constitution.

3. Explain how the Constitution divides power.

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The French Revolution Begins

### THE OLD ORDER (Pages 651–652)

**How was French society unequal?**

In the 1700s, France was the leading country of Europe. It was the center of the new ideas of the Enlightenment. However, beneath the surface there were major problems. Soon the nation would be torn by a violent revolution.

One problem was that people were not treated equally in French society. A political and social system called the **Old Regime** remained in place. The French were divided into three classes, or **estates**. The First Estate consisted of the Roman Catholic clergy. The Second Estate was made up of nobles. Only about 2 percent of the people belonged to these two estates. Yet they owned 20 percent of the land. They had easy lives.

Everybody else belonged to the Third Estate. This huge group included the bourgeoisie—merchants and skilled workers—city workers, and peasants. Members of the Third Estate were angry. They had few rights. They paid up to half of their income in taxes, while the rich paid almost none.

1. What were the three classes of French society?

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THE FORCES OF CHANGE
(Pages 652–653)

Why were the French ready for the revolution?

Three factors led to revolution. First, the Enlightenment spread the idea that everyone should be equal. The powerless people in the Third Estate liked that. Second, the French economy was failing. High taxes kept profits low, and food supplies were short. The government owed money. Third, King Louis XVI was a weak leader. His wife, Marie Antoinette, was unpopular. She was from Austria, France’s long-time enemy, and was noted for her extravagant spending.

In the 1780s, France was deep in debt. Louis tried to tax the nobles. Instead, they forced the king to call a meeting of the Estates-General, an assembly of delegates of the three estates.

2. What three factors led to revolution?

At one point, the members of the Third Estate found themselves locked out of their meeting. They broke down a door leading to a tennis court. Then they promised to stay there until they made a new constitution. This promise was called the Tennis Court Oath.

Louis tried to make peace. He ordered the clergy and nobles to join the National Assembly. However, trouble erupted. Rumors flew that foreign soldiers were going to attack French citizens. On July 14, an angry crowd captured the Bastille, a Paris prison. The mob wanted to get gunpowder for their weapons in order to defend the city.

3. Why did the National Assembly form?

A GREAT FEAR SWEEPS FRANCE
(Page 655)

What was the Great Fear?

A wave of violence called the Great Fear swept the country. Peasants broke into and burned nobles’ houses. They tore up documents that had forced them to pay fees to the nobles. Late in 1789, a mob of women marched from Paris to the king’s palace at Versailles. They were angry about high bread prices and demanded that the king come to Paris. They hoped he would end hunger in the city. The king and queen left Versailles, never to return.

4. What happened during the Great Fear?
Revolution Brings Reform and Terror

Terms and Names

Legislative Assembly  Assembly that replaced the National Assembly in 1791
émigrés  Nobles and others who left France during the peasant uprisings and who hoped to come back to restore the old system
sans-culottes  Radical group of Parisian wage-earners
Jacobin  Member of the Jacobin Club, a radical political organization
guillotine  Machine for beheading people
Maximilien Robespierre  Revolutionary leader who tried to wipe out every trace of France’s past monarchy and nobility
Reign of Terror  Period of Robespierre’s rule

Before You Read
In the last section, you read how the French Revolution began.
In this section, you will learn what course it took and where it led.

As You Read
Use a flow chart to identify the major events that followed the creation of the Constitution of 1791.

THE ASSEMBLY REFORMS
FRANCE (Pages 656–657)
What reforms resulted from the revolution?
In August 1789, the National Assembly took steps to change France. It made a revolutionary statement called the Declaration of the Rights of Man. One new law ended all the special rights that members of the First and Second Estates had enjoyed. Another law gave all French men equal rights. Though women did not get these rights, it was a bold step. Other laws gave the state power over the Catholic Church.
The new laws about the church divided people who had supported the Revolution.

Catholic peasants remained loyal to the church. They were angry that the church would be part of the state. Thereafter, many of them opposed the Revolution’s reforms.
For months, the assembly worked on plans for a new government. During this time, Louis was fearful for his safety. One night, he and his family tried to escape the country. They were caught, brought back to Paris, and placed under guard. This escape attempt made the king and queen more unpopular. It also increased the power of his enemies.

1. What new laws came into being?
DIVISIONS DEVELOP (Pages 657–658)
What groups called for different kinds of changes?
In the fall of 1791, the assembly drew up a new constitution. It took away most of the king’s power. The assembly then turned over its power to a new assembly, the Legislative Assembly.
This new assembly soon divided into groups. Radicals wanted sweeping changes in the way government was run. Moderates wanted some changes in government, but not as many as the radicals. Conservatives upheld the idea of a limited monarchy and wanted few changes in government.

There were groups outside the Legislative Assembly who wanted to influence the government, too. One group included the émigrés, nobles and others who had fled France during the uprisings. Another group wanted even greater changes. This group included the sans-culottes. These wage-earners and small shopkeepers wanted a greater voice in government.

2. In what ways did the émigrés and sans-culottes have opposite goals?

WAR AND EXECUTION
(Pages 658–660)
What caused the French people to take extreme measures?
At the same time, France faced serious trouble on its borders. Kings in other countries feared that revolution would spread to their lands. They wanted to use force to restore control of France to Louis XVI. Soon foreign soldiers were marching toward Paris. Many people thought that the king and queen were ready to help the enemy. Angry French citizens imprisoned them. Many nobles were killed in other mob actions.

The government took strong steps to meet the danger from foreign troops. It took away all the king’s powers. In 1792, the National Convention—another new government—was formed. Jacobins, members of a radical political club, soon took control of this new government. They declared Louis a common citizen. He was then tried for treason and convicted. Like many others, the king was beheaded by a machine called the guillotine. The National Convention also ordered thousands of French people into the army.

3. What happened to the king?

THE TERROR GRIPS FRANCE; END OF THE TERROR (Pages 660–661)
What was the Reign of Terror?
Maximilien Robespierre became leader of France. He headed the Committee of Public Safety. It tried and put to death “enemies of the Revolution.” Thousands were killed. Robespierre’s rule, which began in 1793, was called the Reign of Terror. It ended in July 1794, when Robespierre himself was put to death.

The French people were tired of the killing and the unrest. They wanted a return to order. Moderate leaders drafted a new, less revolutionary plan of government.

4. Where did the Reign of Terror lead?
Napoleon Forges an Empire

Terms and Names

Napoleon Bonaparte  Military leader who seized power in France

coup d’état  A sudden takeover of a government

plebiscite  Vote by the people

lycée  Government-run public school

concordat  Agreement

Napoleonic Code  Complete set of laws set up by Napoleon that eliminated many injustices

Battle of Trafalgar  British defeat of Napoleon’s forces at sea

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the Revolution’s extremes, including the Reign of Terror.

In this section, you will learn how Napoleon grabbed power and brought order to France.

As You Read

Use a time line to take notes on the events that led to Napoleon’s crowning as emperor of France.

NAPOLEON SEIZES POWER
(Pages 663–664)

How did Napoleon rise to power?

Napoleon Bonaparte was born in 1769 on the Mediterranean island of Corsica. When he was nine years old, his parents sent him to military school. In 1785, he finished school and became an artillery officer. When the revolution broke out, Napoleon joined the army of the new government.

In 1795, Napoleon led soldiers against French royalists who were attacking the National Convention. For this, he was thought of as the savior of the French republic.

By 1799, the unsettled French government had lost the people’s support.

In a bold move, Napoleon used troops to seize control of the government. This was a coup d’état, or a sudden takeover of power. Napoleon then assumed dictatorial powers.

1. How did Napoleon get control of the government?

NAPOLEON RULES FRANCE
(Pages 664–665)

How did Napoleon use the Revolution’s ideas in his government?

At first, Napoleon pretended to be the rightfully elected leader of France.
In 1800, a plebiscite, or vote of the people, was held to approve a new constitution. The people voted for it overwhelmingly, and Napoleon took power as first consul.

Napoleon made several changes that were meant to build on the Revolution’s good ideas:

1. He made tax collection more fair and orderly. As a result, the government could count on a steady supply of money.

2. He removed dishonest government workers.

3. He started lycées—new public schools for ordinary citizens.

4. He gave the church back some of its power. He signed a concordat, or agreement, with the pope. This gave him the support of the organized church.

5. He wrote a new set of laws, called the Napoleonic Code, which gave all French citizens the same rights. However, the new laws took away many individual rights won during the Revolution. For example, they limited free speech and restored slavery in French colonies.

2. What changes did Napoleon make?  

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NAPOLEON CREATES AN EMPIRE

(Pages 665–667)

What goals did Napoleon have beyond France’s borders?  

Napoleon had hoped to make his empire larger in both Europe and the New World. In 1801, he had sent soldiers to retake the island of present-day Haiti. Slaves in that colony had seized power during a civil war. But his troops failed. Napoleon then gave up on his New World plans. In 1803, he sold the largest part of France’s North American land—the huge Louisiana Territory—to the United States.

Napoleon had been stopped in the Americas. So he then moved to add to his power in Europe. In 1804, he made himself emperor of France. He took control of the Austrian Netherlands, parts of Italy, and Switzerland. Napoleon’s only loss during this time was to the British navy in the Battle of Trafalgar. This loss kept him from conquering Britain.

3. Where did Napoleon succeed in adding lands, and where did he fail? 

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Napoleon’s Empire Collapses

Terms and Names

**blockade** Forced closing of ports

**Continental System** Napoleon’s policy of preventing trade and communication between Great Britain and other European nations

**guerrilla** Spanish peasant fighter

**Peninsular War** War that Napoleon fought in Spain

**scorched-earth policy** Policy of burning fields and slaughtering livestock so that enemy troops would find nothing to eat

**Waterloo** Battle in Belgium that was Napoleon’s final defeat

**Hundred Days** Napoleon’s last bid for power, which ended at Waterloo

Before You Read

In the last section, you read how Napoleon built his power.

In this section, you learn why he lost it.

As You Read

Use a chart to take notes on mistakes Napoleon made and the impact they had on the French Empire.

NAPOLEON’S COSTLY MISTAKES

(Pages 668–670)

**What mistakes did Napoleon make abroad?**

Napoleon’s own personality posed a threat to his empire. His love of power pushed him to expand his empire. His efforts to extend French rule led to his empire’s collapse.

Napoleon made three costly mistakes. His first mistake was caused by his desire to crush Britain. He wanted to hurt the British economy. So in 1806 he ordered a **blockade**. This was an effort to stop all trade between Britain and the other European nations. Napoleon called this policy the **Continental System**. It was supposed to make continental Europe more self-sufficient.

The effort failed because some Europeans secretly brought in British goods. At the same time, the British put their own blockade around Europe. Because the British navy was so strong, it worked well. Soon the French economy, along with others on the European continent, weakened.

Napoleon’s second mistake was to make his brother king of Spain in 1808. The Spanish people were loyal to their own king. With help from Britain, bands of peasant fighters called **guerrillas** fought Napoleon for five years. Napoleon lost 300,000 troops during this **Peninsular War**. (The war gets its name from the Iberian Peninsula on which Spain is located.)
Napoleon’s third mistake was perhaps his worst. In 1812, he tried to conquer Russia, far to the east. He entered Russia with more than 400,000 soldiers. As the Russians retreated, however, they followed a scorched-earth policy. They burned their fields and killed their livestock so Napoleon’s armies could not eat what they left behind.

Although the French got as far as Moscow, winter was coming. Napoleon was forced to order his soldiers to head back. On the way home, bitter cold, hunger, and Russian attacks killed thousands. Thousands more deserted. By the time Napoleon’s army left Russian territory, only 10,000 of his soldiers were able to fight.

1. What happened to Napoleon in Russia?

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NAPOLEON’S DOWNFALL
(Pages 670–671)

What other defeats did Napoleon suffer?

Other leaders saw that Napoleon was now weaker. Britain, Russia, Prussia, Sweden, and Austria joined forces and attacked France. Napoleon was defeated at the Battle of Leipzig, in Germany, in 1813. In 1814, Napoleon gave up his throne and was exiled, or sent away, to the tiny island of Elba off the Italian coast.

Louis XVIII took the throne in Paris. But he quickly became unpopular. The peasants feared the new king would undo the land reforms of the Revolution.

News of Louis XVIII’s trouble was all Napoleon needed to try to regain his empire. In March 1815, he escaped from Elba and boldly returned to France. He took power and raised another army.

The rest of the European powers raised armies to fight against Napoleon. Led by the Duke of Wellington, they defeated Napoleon in his final battle near a Belgian town called Waterloo. This defeat ended Napoleon’s last attempt at power, which was called the Hundred Days. He was then sent to the far-off island of St. Helena in the southern Atlantic Ocean. He died there in 1821.

2. What was Napoleon’s last attempt at power, and where did it end?

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The Congress of Vienna

Terms and Names

**Congress of Vienna**  Meetings in Vienna for the purpose of restoring order to Europe

**Klemens von Metternich**  Key leader at the Congress of Vienna

**balance of power**  Condition in which no one country becomes a threat to the other

**legitimacy**  Bringing back to power the kings that Napoleon had driven out

**Holy Alliance**  League formed by Russia, Austria, and Prussia

**Concert of Europe**  Series of alliances to help prevent revolution

Before You Read

In the last section, you saw how Napoleon’s empire collapsed.

In this section, you will learn how the rest of Europe reacted to both the French Revolution and Napoleon’s rise and fall.

As You Read

Use a chart to take notes on how the three goals of Metternich’s plan at the Congress of Vienna solved a political problem.

**METTERNICH’S PLANS FOR EUROPE**  (Pages 672–673)

*What was the Congress of Vienna?*

In 1814, leaders of many nations met to draw up a peace plan for Europe. This series of meetings was called the **Congress of Vienna**. The most important person at the Congress of Vienna was the foreign minister of Austria, **Klemens von Metternich**. He shaped the peace conditions that were finally accepted.

Metternich had three goals at the congress. First, he wanted to make sure that the French would not attack another country again. Second, he wanted a **balance of power** in which no one nation was strong enough to threaten other nations. Third, he wanted **legitimacy**. This meant restoring monarchs to the thrones they had before Napoleon’s conquests.

The other leaders agreed with Metternich’s ideas.

Metternich achieved his first goal when the congress strengthened the small nations that surrounded France. Meanwhile, France was not punished too severely. It remained independent and kept some overseas possessions. This helped achieve Metternich’s second goal to create a balance of power.

The congress also worked to fulfill Metternich’s third goal. Many rulers were returned to power in states throughout Europe, including France.

The Congress of Vienna created very successful peace agreements. None of the great powers fought against one another for 40 years. Some did not fight in a war for the rest of the century.
As you read about the meeting of the Congress of Vienna, fill in the diagram below.

- **Members and Representatives**
- **Goals**
- **Congress of Vienna**
- **Actions Taken**
- **Legacy**
  - Short-term:
  - Long-term:
Latin American Peoples Win Independence

Terms and Names

- **peninsulares**  Latin Americans born in Spain
- **creoles**  Spaniards born in Latin America
- **mulattos**  Africans or people of mixed European and African ancestry
- **Simón Bolívar**  Leader of Venezuelan independence movement
- **José de San Martín**  Leader who helped win independence for Chile and Argentina
- **Miguel Hidalgo**  Priest who began the revolt against Spanish rule in Mexico
- **José Morelos**  Leader of the Mexican revolt after Hidalgo was defeated

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about revolution and the Congress of Vienna.

In this section, you will learn how Latin American countries got their independence.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify details about Latin American independence movements.

**COLONIAL SOCIETY DIVIDED**

(Pages 681–682)

*What classes existed in Latin American society?*

In Latin America, society was divided into six classes of people. **Peninsulares**—those born in Spain—were at the top. Next were **creoles**, or Spaniards who had been born in Latin America. Below them were mestizos. Mestizos had mixed European and Indian ancestry. Next were **mulattos**, with mixed European and African ancestry, and then Africans. At the bottom were Indians.

1. Which groups of society were of European ancestry?

**REVOLUTIONS IN THE AMERICAS**

(Page 682)

*Where in Latin America was independence first declared?*

In the early 1800s, colonial peoples in Latin America fought for independence. The French colony of Saint Domingue was the first Latin American colony to fight for independence.
Almost all of the people who lived in the French colony were slaves of African origin. In 1791, about 100,000 of them rose in revolt. Toussaint L’Ouverture, a former slave, became their leader. In 1802 Napoleon sent troops to the island to end the rebellion. They failed. In 1804, the colony declared its independence as Haiti.

2. How did Haiti become independent?

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CREOLES LEAD INDEPENDENCE  
(Pages 682–684)  
Why did Creoles want independence?

Creoles felt that they were not treated fairly. This bad feeling boiled over when Napoleon overthrew the king of Spain and named his own brother as king. Creoles in Latin America had no loyalty to the new king. They revolted. Even after the old king was restored, they did not give up their fight for freedom.

Two leaders pushed much of South America to independence. Simón Bolívar was a writer, fighter, and political thinker. He survived defeats and exile to help win independence for Venezuela in 1821. José de San Martín helped win independence for Argentina in 1816 and Chile in 1818. Bolívar led their combined armies to a great victory in 1824. This victory gained independence for all the Spanish colonies.

3. Which two great leaders led the fights for independence in Venezuela, Chile, and Argentina?

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MEXICO ENDS SPANISH RULE;  
BRAZIL’S ROYAL LIBERATOR  
(Pages 685–686)  
How did Mexico and Brazil achieve independence?

In Mexico, mestizos and Indians led the fight for independence. In 1810, Miguel Hidalgo, a village priest, called for a revolt against Spanish rule. Creoles united with the Spanish government to put down this revolt by the lower classes. Hidalgo lost, but Padre José María Morelos took over leadership of the rebels. Fighting continued until 1815, when the creoles won.

After a revolution in Spain put a new government in power, the creoles joined with the other groups fighting for independence. In 1821, Mexico won its independence. In 1823, the region of Central America separated itself from Mexico.

In Brazil, 8,000 creoles signed a paper asking the son of Portugal’s king to rule an independent Brazil. He agreed. Brazil became free that year through a bloodless revolt.

4. How were the drives for independence in Mexico and Brazil different?

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Europe Faces Revolutions

Terms and Names

**conservative** People who supported the monarchy

**liberal** People who wanted to give more power to elected legislatures

**radical** People who wanted to end the rule by kings and give full voting rights to all people

**nationalism** Belief that a person’s loyalty belongs to the nation itself instead of to the nation’s ruler

**nation-state** Country with its own independent government

**the Balkans** Region including all or part of present-day Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, and former Yugoslavia

**Louis-Napoleon** Winner of the presidential election in France in 1848; later emperor

**Alexander II** Ruler of Russia who freed the serfs

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about Latin American independence movements.

In this section, you will learn about revolutions in Europe.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to identify major revolutions in Europe.

**CLASH OF PHILOSOPHIES; NATIONALISM DEVELOPS**

(Pages 687–689)

*What forces and peoples struggled for power?*

There was a power struggle in Europe in the first half of the 1800s. Three forces were involved. **Conservatives** wanted to continue to support the kings who had ruled these lands for many centuries. These were nobles and other people who owned large amounts of property.

**Liberals** wanted to give more power to elected legislatures. They were typically middle-class merchants and business people. **Radicals** wanted the end of rule by kings and full voting rights for all.

At the same time, another movement arose in Europe—**nationalism**. This was the belief that a person’s loyalty should go not to the country’s ruler but to the nation itself. When the nation also had its own independent government, it became a **nation-state**. Nationalists thought that people with a common language and culture were a nation. And they had the right to their own government. These ideas grew out of the French Revolution.

1. What different goals did conservatives, liberals, and radicals have?
**NATIONALISTS CHALLENGE CONSERVATIVE POWER**  
(Pages 689–690)

**What changes were occurring in Western Europe?**

The first people to win self-rule during this period were the Greeks. Greece had been part of the Ottoman Empire for centuries. The Ottomans controlled most of the Balkans. That region includes most of modern Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, and the former Yugoslavia. In 1821, the Greeks revolted against Turkish rule. The Greeks won their independence by 1830.

Other revolts broke out in other parts of Europe. In 1830, the Belgians declared their independence from rule by the Dutch. Nationalists began a long struggle to unify all of Italy. The Poles revolted against Russian rule. Conservatives managed to put down these rebellions. However, new ones broke out again in 1848 among Hungarians and Czechs. Once again, they were put down forcibly.

2. What groups challenged conservative rule?

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**REFORM IN RUSSIA** (Pages 690–691)

**How did Alexander II change Russia?**

In the early 1800s, Russia still did not have an industrial economy. The biggest problem was that serfdom still existed there. Peasants were bound to the nobles whose land they worked. Russia’s rulers were reluctant to free the serfs, though. They feared they would lose the support of the nobles.

A new ruler of Russia, Alexander II, decided to free the serfs. Though it seemed bold, Alexander’s move went only part way. Nobles kept half their land and were paid for the other half that went to the peasants. The former serfs were not given the land. They had to pay for it. This debt kept them still tied to the land. The czar’s efforts to make changes ended when he was assassinated in 1881. Alexander III, the new czar, brought back tight control over the country. He also moved to make the economy more industrial.

4. What major reform was made in Russia at this time?
Nationalism

Case Study: Italy and Germany

Terms and Names

**Russification**  A policy of forcing Russian culture on ethnic groups in the Russian Empire

**Camillo di Cavour**  Prime minister who unified northern Italy

**Giuseppe Garibaldi**  Leader of the Red Shirts who won control over parts of southern Italy

**Otto von Bismarck**  Leader who worked to expand Prussia

**Junker**  Wealthy German landholders

**realpolitik**  Tough, practical politics

**kaiser**  Emperor

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about revolutions and reform in western Europe.

In this section, you will learn about nationalism.

As You Read

Use a time line to list major events in the unification of Italy and of Germany.

**NATIONALISM: A FORCE FOR UNITY OR DISUNITY** (Pages 692–693)

*What is nationalism?*

Nationalists thought that many factors linked people to one another. First was nationality, or a common ethnic ancestry. Shared language, culture, history, and religion were also seen as ties that connected people. People sharing these traits were thought to have the right to a land they could call their own. Groups with their own government were called nation-states.

Leaders began to see that this feeling could be a powerful force for uniting a people. The French Revolution was a prime example of this. However, nationalism could also be a force to rip apart empires. This happened in three empires in Europe.

1. What shared characteristics can unite people and create a strong national feeling?

**NATIONALISM SHAKES AGING EMPIRES** (Page 693)

*Why did nationalism divide empires?*

Feelings of nationalism threatened to break apart three aging empires. The Austrian Empire was forced to split in two.
One part was Austria, the other was Hungary. In Russia, harsh rule and a policy called **Russification** that forced other peoples to adopt Russian ways helped produce a revolution in 1917. This revolution overthrew the czar. Like the other two, the Ottoman Empire broke apart around the time of World War I.

2. What three empires were torn apart by nationalism?

**CAVOUR UNITES ITALY** (Page 694)

*How did nationalism unite Italy?*

Italians used national feeling to build a nation, not destroy an empire. Large parts of Italy were ruled by the kings of Austria and Spain. Nationalists tried to unite the nation in 1848. But the revolt was beaten down. Hopes rested with the Italian king of the state of Piedmont-Sardinia. His chief minister was Count **Camillo di Cavour**. Cavour worked to expand the king’s control over other areas of the north.

Meanwhile, **Giuseppe Garibaldi** led an army of patriots that won control of southern areas. Garibaldi put the areas he conquered under control of the Italian king. In 1866, the area around Venice was added to the king’s control. By 1870, the king completed the unifying of Italy.

3. Who helped unify Italy?

**BISMARCK UNITES GERMANY; A SHIFT IN POWER** (Page 695)

*How was Germany united?*

Germany had also been divided into many different states for many centuries. Since 1815, 39 states had joined in a league called the German Confederation. Prussia and Austria-Hungary controlled this group. Over time, Prussia rose to become more powerful. Leading this move was prime minister **Otto von Bismarck**. He was supported by wealthy landowners called **Junkers**. Bismarck was a master of **realpolitik**—tough power politics.

Bismarck worked to create a new **confederation** of German states. Prussia controlled it. To win the loyalty of German areas in the south, he purposefully angered a weak France so that it would declare war on Prussia. Prussia won the Franco-Prussian War in 1871. The war with France gave the southern German states a nationalistic feeling. They joined the other states in naming the king of Prussia as emperor, or **kaiser**, of a strong united Germany.

These events changed the balance of power in Europe. Germany and Britain were the strongest powers, followed by France. Austria, Russia, and Italy were all even weaker.

4. What was the result of the defeat of France and the unifying of Germany?
Revolutions in the Arts

Terms and Names

**romanticism** Movement in art and ideas that focused on nature and the thoughts and feelings of individuals

**realism** Movement in art that tried to show life as it really was

**impressionism** Style of art using light and light-filled colors to produce an “impression”

Before You Read

In the last section, you read how political borders changed in Europe.

In this section, you will learn about changes in the arts in Europe.

As You Read

Use a chart to note details about movements in the arts.

THE ROMANTIC MOVEMENT

(Pages 698–699)

**What is romanticism?**
In the early 1800s, the Enlightenment gradually gave way to another movement, called romanticism. This movement in art and ideas focused on nature and on the thoughts and feelings of individuals. Gone was the idea that reason and order were good things. Romantic thinkers valued feeling, not reason, and nature, not society. Romantic thinkers held idealized views of the past as simpler, better times. They valued the common people. As a result, they enjoyed folk stories, songs, and traditions. They also supported calls for democracy. However, not all romantic artists and thinkers supported all of these ideas.

Romantic writers had different themes. During the first half of the 19th century, the Grimm brothers collected German folk tales. They also created a German dictionary and worked on German grammar. These works celebrated being German long before there was a united German nation. Other writers wrote about strong individuals. Some wrote about beauty and nature.

Germany produced one of the greatest early Romantic writers. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe wrote *The Sorrows of Young Werther*. It was a story about a young man who kills himself after he falls in love with a married woman.

British Romantic poets William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge honored nature as the source of truth and beauty. A type of horror story called a Gothic novel became popular. Novels such as Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein* were tales about good and evil.

Romanticism was important in music as well. Composers wrote music to appeal to the hearts and souls of listeners. Ludwig van Beethoven, a German, was the foremost of these composers. Romanticism made music a popular art form.
1. What did Romantic thinkers and artists value?

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THE SHIFT TO REALISM IN THE ARTS (Pages 700–701)

What is realism?

In the middle 1800s, the grim realities of industrial life made the dreams of romanticism seem silly. A new movement arose—realism. Artists and writers tried to show life as it really was. They used their art to protest unfair social conditions. French writer Emile Zola’s books revealed harsh working conditions for the poor. They led to new laws aimed at helping those people. In England, Charles Dickens wrote many novels that showed how poor people suffered in the new industrial economy.

A new device, the camera, was developed in this period. Photographers used cameras to capture realistic images on film.

2. For what purposes did writers use realism?

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IMPRESSIONISTS REACT AGAINST REALISM (Page 701)

What is impressionism?

In the 1860s, Parisian painters reacted against the realistic style. This new art style—impressionism—used light and light-filled colors to produce an impression of a subject or moment in time. Impressionist artists like Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir glorified the delights of the life of the rising middle class in their paintings. Composers created music that set a mood by using different music structures, instruments, or patterns.

3. What was the focus of impressionist art and music?

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The Beginnings of Industrialization

Terms and Names

**Industrial Revolution** Great increase in machine production that began in England in the 18th century

**enclosure** Large closed-in field for farming

**crop rotation** Planting a different crop in a different field each year

**industrialization** Process of developing machine production of goods

**factors of production** Conditions needed to produce goods and services

**factory** Building where goods are made

**entrepreneur** Person who organizes, manages, and takes on the financial risk of a business enterprise

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about romanticism and realism in the arts.

In this section, you will read about the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

As You Read

Use a time line to note important events in Britain’s industrialization.

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION BEGINS IN BRITAIN (Pages 717–718)

**How did the Industrial Revolution begin?**

The Industrial Revolution was the great increase in production that began in England during the 18th century. Before the Industrial Revolution, people made most goods by hand. By the middle of the 1700s, more and more goods were made by machines.

The Industrial Revolution began with an agricultural revolution. In the early 1700s, large landowners in Britain bought much of the land that had been owned by poorer farmers. The landowners collected these lands into large fields closed-in by fences or hedges. These fields were called enclosures. Many of the poor farmers who lost their lands became tenant farmers. Others gave up farming and moved to the cities.

New farm methods made farmers more productive. For example, Jethro Tull invented a seed drill that made planting more efficient. Farmers also practiced **crop rotation**. Crop rotation is the practice of planting a different crop in a different field each year.

The increase in farm output made more food available. People enjoyed better diets. The population of Britain grew. Fewer farmers were needed to grow food.
More people began to make goods other than food. The growth in the number of people in cities to work in factories helped create the Industrial Revolution.

For several reasons, Britain was the first country to industrialize. **Industrialization** is the process of developing machine production of goods.

Great Britain had all the resources needed for industrialization. These resources included coal, water, iron ore, rivers, harbors, and banks. Britain also had all the **factors of production** that the Industrial Revolution required. These factors of production included land, labor (workers), and capital (wealth).

1. Why was Britain the first country to industrialize?

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**INVESTMENTS SPUR INDUSTRIALIZATION** *(Pages 718–720)*

**What inventions helped change business?**

The Industrial Revolution began in the textile industry. Several new inventions helped businesses make cloth and clothing more quickly. Richard Arkwright invented the water frame in 1769. It used water power to run spinning machines that made yarn. In 1779, Samuel Compton invented the spinning mule that made better thread. In 1787, Edmund Cartwright developed the power loom. The power loom was a machine that sped up the cloth-making process.

These new inventions were large and expensive machines. Business owners built large **factories** to house and run these machines. These factories were built near rivers because these machines needed water power to run them.

2. How was the textile industry changed by the new inventions?

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**IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION; THE RAILWAY AGE BEGINS** *(Pages 721–722)*

The invention of the steam engine in 1705 brought in a new source of power. The steam engine used fire to heat water and produce steam. The power of the steam drove the engine. Eventually steam-driven engines were used to run factories.

At the same time, improvements were being made in transportation. Robert Fulton, an American, invented the first steam-driven boat. This invention allowed people to send goods more quickly over rivers and canals.

Starting in the 1820s, steam brought a new burst of industrial growth. George Stephenson, a British engineer, set up the world’s first railroad line. It used a steam-driven locomotive. Soon, railroads were being built all over Britain.

The railroad boom helped business owners move their goods to market more quickly. It created thousands of new jobs in several different industries. The railroad had a deep effect on British society. For instance, people could now travel throughout the country more quickly.

3. What effects did the invention of the steam engine have?
Industrialization
Case Study: Manchester

Terms and Names

urbanization  City building and the movement of people to cities
middle class  A social class of skilled workers, professionals, business people, and wealthy farmers

Before You Read
In the last section, you saw how the Industrial Revolution began.
In this section, you will read about some of its effects.

As You Read
Use an outline to organize the summaries’ main ideas and details.

INDUSTRIALIZATION CHANGES LIFE (Pages 723–725)
How did industrialization change people’s ways of life?
Industrialization brought many changes to the British people. More people could use coal to heat their homes, eat better food, and wear better clothing.

Another change was urbanization—city building and the movement of people to cities. For centuries, most people in Europe had lived in the country. By the 1800s, more and more people lived in cities, where they had come to find jobs.

Living conditions were bad in crowded cities. Many people could not find good housing, schools, or police protection. Filth, garbage, and sickness were part of life in the slums. A person in a city could expect to live 17 years. In the countryside, a person could expect to live 38 years.

Working conditions were also bad. The average worker spent 14 hours a day on the job, 6 days a week. Many workers were killed or seriously injured in accidents.

1. What were major changes in living conditions and working conditions?

CLASS TENSIONS GROW; POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (Pages 725–726)
Who were the members of the middle class?
Some people’s lives were improved in the new economy. The Industrial Revolution created new wealth for the middle class, which included skilled workers, professionals, business people, and wealthy farmers. People in the middle class enjoyed comfortable lives in pleasant homes. This class began to grow in size. Some people grew wealthier than the nobles who had been in control for many centuries.
The Industrial Revolution had many good effects. It created wealth. It created jobs for workers and over time helped many of them live better lives. It produced better diets, better housing, and better clothing at lower prices.

2. What were three positive effects of industrialization?

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THE MILLS OF MANCHESTER
(Pages 726–728)

What changes occurred in Manchester?

The English city of Manchester is a good example of how industrialization changed society. Rapid growth made the city crowded and filthy. The factory owners risked their money and worked long hours to make their businesses grow. In return, they enjoyed huge profits and built huge houses. The workers also worked long hours, but had few benefits. Many of these workers were children, some only six years old. The British government did not limit the use of children as workers until 1819.

The large amount of industry in Manchester caused environmental problems. Coal smoke and cloth dyes from the factories polluted the air and water. Yet, Manchester also created many jobs, a variety of consumer goods, and great wealth.

3. Why is Manchester a good example of how industrialization changed cities?

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Industrialization Spreads

Terms and Names

**stock**  Right of ownership in a company called a corporation

**corporation**  Business owned by stockholders who share in its profits but are not responsible for its debts

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about some of the effects of industrialization.

In this section, you will see how industrialization spread to other nations.

As You Read

Use a Venn diagram to compare industrialization in the United States and in Europe.

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNITED STATES**

*(Pages 729–731)*

**How did industrialization begin in the United States?**

Other countries began to industrialize after Great Britain. The United States was one of the first. Like Britain, the United States had a great deal of coal and water to create power. There was also plenty of iron. In addition, the immigrants that came to the United States created a large supply of workers.

The United States also benefited from conflict with Britain. During the War of 1812, Britain stopped shipping goods to the United States. As a result, American industries began to make many of the goods that Americans wanted.

In the United States, industrialization began in the textile industry. In 1789, Samuel Slater, a British worker, brought the secret of Britain’s textile machines to North America. Slater built a machine to spin thread.

In 1813, a group of Massachusetts investors built textile factories in Waltham, Massachusetts. Just a few years later they built even more factories in the Massachusetts town of Lowell. Thousands of workers, mostly young girls, came to these towns to work in the factories.

American industry first grew in the Northeast. In the last decades of the 1800s, industrial growth spread to other areas of the nation. This boom was fueled by large supplies of coal, oil, and iron. New inventions, including the electric light, also helped. As in Britain, railroad building was also a big part of American industrial growth.

Businesses needed huge sums of money to do big projects. To raise money, companies sold **stock**. Stocks are shares of ownership in a company. All those who held stock were part owners of the company. This form of business organization is called a corporation.
1. How did industrialization begin in the United States?

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CONTINENTAL EUROPE INDUSTRIALIZES (Pages 731–732)
Where did industrialization begin in continental Europe?
Industrial growth also spread from England to the European continent. Belgium was the first to industrialize. It was rich in iron and coal and had good waterways.

Germany was divided politically until the late 1800s. As a result, it did not develop much industry at first. However, the Ruhr Valley in western Germany was rich in coal. The Ruhr Valley eventually became a leading industrial region.

Across Europe, small areas began to change to the new industries. Industrial growth did not occur in France until after 1830. It was helped by the government’s construction of a large network of railroads. Some countries, such as Austria-Hungary and Spain, faced transportation problems that held them back from industrializing.

2. Which nations industrialized first, and why?

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THE IMPACT OF INDUSTRIALIZATION (Page 733)
How did industrialization change the world?

The Industrial Revolution changed the world. Countries that industrialized gained more wealth and power than those that did not. The countries of Europe soon began to take advantage of lands in Africa and Asia.

The Europeans wanted to use these lands as sources of raw materials for their factories. European merchants saw the people on other continents as little more than markets for European goods. The European nations took control of the lands in many areas of the world outside of Europe. This practice is called imperialism.

The Industrial Revolution that took place in the 1700s and 1800s changed life forever in the countries that industrialized. Problems caused by industrialization led to movements for social reform.

3. How did industrialization lead to imperialism?

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Reforming the Industrial World

Terms and Names

laissez faire  Economic theory that argues that governments should not interfere with business affairs
Adam Smith  Philosopher who defended laissez-faire economics
capitalism  Economic system in which people invest money to make a profit
utilitarianism  Belief that an idea is only as good as it is useful
socialism  Belief that businesses should be owned by society as a whole
Karl Marx  Economic thinker who wrote about a radical form of socialism
communism  Form of socialism in which all production is owned by the people
union  Organized groups of workers that bargain with business owners to get better pay and working conditions
strike  Organized refusal to work

Before You Read

In the last section, you saw how industrialization spread to different nations.

In this section, you will learn about new ideas and reforms.

As You Read

Use a chart to summarize the characteristics of capitalism and socialism.

THE PHILOSOPHERS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION

Pages 734–735

What is capitalism?

Industrialization led to new ways of thinking about society. Some economists thought that the government should leave business owners alone. Their view is called laissez faire.

Adam Smith argued that governments should not put limits on business. He and others, including British economists Thomas Malthus and David Ricardo, supported a system called capitalism. In a capitalist economy, people invest their money in businesses to make a profit.

Smith and the others believed that society would benefit over time from this system. Supporters of laissez faire opposed laws to protect workers.

1. How does capitalism work?

RISE OF SOCIALISM; MARXISM; RADICAL SOCIALISM

Pages 735–738

What is socialism?

Other thinkers challenged capitalism. One group was called the utilitarians. According to utilitarianism, an idea or practice is good only if it is useful.
The utilitarians thought it was unfair that workers should work so hard for such little pay and live in such poor conditions. They thought the government should work to end great differences in wealth among people.

Some thinkers wanted society as a whole to own businesses. This way a few people would not grow wealthy at the expense of everyone else. Instead, all people would enjoy the benefits of increased production. This view—called socialism—grew out of a belief in progress and a concern for justice.

A German thinker named Karl Marx proposed a form of socialism that became known as Marxism. He said that factory owners and workers would struggle for power. Over time, he said, the capitalist system would destroy itself. The workers would rebel against the wealthy few.

Marx wrote The Communist Manifesto. It described communism, a form of socialism in which production is controlled by the people. In the early 1900s, these ideas would bring revolution.

2. How are capitalism and socialism different?

LABOR UNIONS AND REFORM LAWS (Pages 738–739)
How did workers take action to improve their lives?

While thinkers discussed these different ideas, workers fought to improve their lives. Many workers joined unions. A union is a group of workers that tries to bargain with employers for better pay and better working conditions.

When employers resisted these efforts, the workers went on strike, or refused to work. British and American workers struggled for a long time to win the right to form unions. By the late 1800s, workers in both countries had made some progress.

The British Parliament and reformers in the United States also tried to fix other social problems. Britain passed laws to limit how much work women and children could do. Groups in the United States pushed for similar laws.

3. How did both the government and workers themselves try to improve workers’ lives?

THE REFORM MOVEMENT SPREADS (Pages 739–740)
What other reforms were taking place at this time?

Another major reform movement of the 1800s was the effort to abolish slavery. The British Parliament ended the slave trade in 1807. It then abolished slavery throughout British territories in 1833.

Slavery was finally abolished in the United States in 1865, after the Civil War. Spain ended slavery in Puerto Rico in 1873 and in Cuba in 1886. In 1888 Brazil became the last country to ban slavery.

Women were active in many reform movements. As they fought for the end of slavery, many women began to fight for equal rights for women. The movement began in the United States in 1848. In 1888 women from around the world formed a group dedicated to this cause.

Reformers took on other projects as well. Some pushed for—and won—improved education. Others tried to improve conditions in prisons.

4. Name two major reform movements of the 1800s.
Democratic Reform and Activism

Terms and Names

**suffrage** Right to vote

**Chartist movement** Movement in England to give the right to vote to more people and to obtain other rights

**Queen Victoria** Leader of Britain when democratic changes were occurring

**Third Republic** Government formed in France after Napoleon III was exiled

**Dreyfus affair** Events surrounding the framing of a Jewish officer in the French army

**anti-Semitism** Prejudice against Jews

**Zionism** Movement to establish a separate homeland in Palestine for the Jews

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the Industrial Revolution.

In this section, you will read about democratic reforms in Great Britain and France.

As You Read

Use a chart to list and evaluate events in this section according to whether they expanded or impeded democracy.

BRITAIN ENACTS REFORMS

(Pages 747–748)

**How did Britain become more democratic?**

Since the 1600s, Britain’s government had been a constitutional monarchy. A king or queen ruled the country, but the elected legislature—Parliament—held the real power.

Still, very few people could vote for members of Parliament. Only men who owned property—about five percent of the population—had the right to vote. That situation changed in the 1800s. The Reform Bill of 1832 was the first step. Middle-class people across England protested the fact that they could not vote.

Worried by revolutions sweeping Europe, Parliament passed the Reform Bill. This law gave **suffrage**, the right to vote, to many in the middle class.

Those who still could not vote began the **Chartist Movement**. They wanted the vote and other rights. They presented their demands to Parliament in The People’s Charter of 1838. Although they did not get what they wanted at first, over time their demands became law.

The leader of England during all these changes was **Queen Victoria**. She was queen for 64 years. She performed her duties wisely and capably, but during her reign Parliament gained more power.
The era that she was queen is known as the Victorian Age.

1. How did power shift in Britain in the 1800s?
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WOMEN GET THE VOTE
(Page 749)
How did women campaign for the right to vote?
By 1890, a few countries had given the right to vote to all men. But none gave the right to vote to all women. In the 1800s, women in the United States and Britain campaigned peacefully for the vote.

In 1903, a group called the Women’s Social and Political Union began a stronger campaign for women’s suffrage in Britain. This campaign included rallies, parades, and demonstrations during speeches of government officials. But women in Britain and the United States did not win the right to vote until after World War I.

2. When did women get the right to vote in Britain and the United States?
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FRANCE AND DEMOCRACY
(Pages 749–750)
What was the Dreyfus affair?
The road to democracy in France was rocky. France lost a war with Prussia. The National Assembly met to decide on a new government. Finally, in 1875, a new government—the Third Republic—was formed. It lasted over 60 years. They were years marked by fighting between many political parties.

In the 1860s, French society was divided over the case of an army officer named Alfred Dreyfus. Dreyfus was accused of being a traitor. The charge was made mainly because Dreyfus was a Jew. Many people believed the charge was true. Dreyfus was found guilty. The issue became known as the Dreyfus affair. A few years later, evidence showed that Dreyfus had been framed. He was later declared innocent.

The Dreyfus affair revealed anti-Semitism, or prejudice against Jews, in Europe. In Eastern Europe, anti-Semitism was bad. The Russian government even allowed organized attacks on Jewish villages. From the 1880s on, many Jews fled to the United States. In the 1890s, a movement called Zionism began. Its goal was a separate homeland for the Jews in Palestine.

3. Where in Europe was anti-Semitism found?
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Self-Rule for British Colonies

Terms and Names
- **dominion**: Nation in the British Empire allowed to govern its own domestic affairs
- **Maori**: Polynesian people who settled in New Zealand
- **Aborigine**: Native people of Australia
- **penal colony**: Place where convicts are sent to serve their sentences as an alternative to prison
- **home rule**: Local control over domestic affairs
- **Irish Republican Army**: Unofficial military force seeking independence

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about democracy and prejudice in Britain, France, and other parts of Europe.

In this section, you will read about the fight for self-rule in British colonies.

As You Read
Use a chart to compare progress toward self-rule by recording significant events in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Ireland.

CANADA STRUGGLES FOR SELF-RULE (Pages 751–752)

**How was the dominion of Canada formed?**

Britain had colonies all over the world. Three of them—Canada, Australia, and New Zealand—were settled by colonists from Europe. Over time, the people in these colonies wanted to control their own governments.

The white settlers of Canada were split into two groups. One group included French-speaking Catholics that lived in the colony. Britain had won Canada from France in 1763. The other group was English-speaking and mostly Protestant. The two groups did not get along. In 1791, Britain split the colony into two provinces. Each colony had its own government.

But the French-speaking people were not happy with British rule. After several rebellions, the British Parliament put the two provinces back together under one government. Other smaller colonies were added to create the Dominion of Canada. As a dominion, Canada had the right to make all laws concerning its own affairs. But Parliament kept the right to control Canadian relations with other countries. By 1871, Canada stretched all the way from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

1. Why does Canada today contain both French-speaking and English-speaking people?
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
(Pages 752–753)
How were Australia and New Zealand settled?

New Zealand became part of the British Empire in 1769. Britain claimed Australia in 1770. Australia was a penal colony. The first settlers there were convicted criminals. The Aborigines, as Europeans later called the native people of Australia, were nomadic. They fished and hunted.

The settlement of New Zealand went slowly because the British government recognized that the native people—the Maori—had rights to the land. By the 1840s, though, the number of British settlers in New Zealand was growing.

During the 1850s, Australia and New Zealand became self-governing. But they stayed in the British Empire. In the early 1900s they became dominions. Australia was the first country to use the secret ballot in elections. New Zealand—in 1893—was the first country to give women the right to vote.

2. How were the native people of Australia and New Zealand treated differently?

THE IRISH WIN HOME RULE
(Pages 754–755)
Why did the British hesitate to give Ireland independence?

Irish self-rule took a long time to achieve. The Irish opposed English rule from its start in the 1100s. Religious conflict also divided the Catholic Irish and the small group of English Protestants who lived in the north.

In the 1840s, the Irish suffered a terrible famine. Many died of starvation and disease. Others lost their land. Millions of Irish people emigrated, or left Ireland. Most went to the United States or Britain.

In the late 1800s, some Irish pushed for complete independence. Most argued for home rule—the right to govern internal affairs. The British government opposed this move. They were afraid that the Catholic majority would treat harshly the Protestants in the north. In 1914, Parliament enacted a home rule bill for the southern part of Ireland. When World War I delayed its enactment, Irish nationalists rebelled. The Irish Republican Army, a military force seeking independence, attacked British officials in Ireland.

Finally, Britain split Ireland in two. Northern Ireland remained part of Britain. The southern part became independent. Violence continued in Ireland off and on for decades. In 1998, the people of Ireland and Britain signed an agreement to solve their problems peacefully.

3. Why was Ireland split into two parts?
War and Expansion in the United States

Terms and Names
manifest destiny  Belief that the United States would rule the land from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean
Abraham Lincoln  16th president of the United States
secede  To leave the nation
U.S. Civil War  War fought between the North and South from 1861–1865
Emancipation Proclamation  1863 proclamation to free the slaves in the Confederate states
segregation  Separation by race

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about the struggle for self-rule in British colonies.

In this section, you will read about changes in the United States during the same time period.

As You Read
Use a time line to take notes on major events of the United States in the 19th century.

AMERICANS MOVE WEST
(Pages 758–759)
What was manifest destiny?
The United States expanded across North America and fought a bloody civil war. In the early 1800s the nation grew in size. It bought a huge piece of land from France in the Louisiana Purchase. It won a war with Mexico in the 1840s, and gained even more land.

Many believed in manifest destiny—the belief that the United States would control land from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. As white settlers moved farther west, Native Americans suffered. In the 1830s, thousands of Native Americans were forced to move from their homes in the East to the present state of Oklahoma.

The growth of the nation raised serious questions. The Southern states used slave labor to grow crops such as cotton. People in the South hoped to extend slavery to the western lands. But many Northerners believed that slavery was wrong and should be ended.

1. What problems did the movement westward bring?

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CIVIL WAR TESTS DEMOCRACY
(Pages 759–761)

Why was the Civil War fought?
The struggle over slavery led to the U.S. Civil War. The Southern states seceded, or pulled out of, the Union. The Southerners formed their own nation known as the Confederate States of America. War broke out after Confederate forces fired on a Union fort in 1861. The fighting lasted four years.

The North won the war. During the war, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. This proclamation declared that the people enslaved in the Confederate states were free. After the war, the Constitution was amended, or changed, to outlaw slavery. Another change to the Constitution made African Americans citizens.

In the first few years after the war, newly freed African Americans enjoyed equal rights. But whites soon regained control of the governments of the Southern states. They passed laws that took away the rights of blacks. The white governments also set up segregation, or separation, of blacks and whites. African Americans have continued to fight for equality since then.

2. What changes came about as a result of the Civil War?

THE POSTWAR ECONOMY
(Page 761)

What happened after the war?
After the Civil War, the nation experienced quick industrial growth. A sharp rise in immigration from Europe and Asia helped cause this growth. By 1914, more than 20 million people had come to the United States.

Many of these new citizens moved to the West. The government offered free land to people who moved there.

In addition, Congress set aside money to build a railroad across the continent. The railroad linked the different regions of the nation. By 1900, nearly 200,000 miles of track crossed the country. The growth of the railroads helped American industry grow.

3. What helped cause the rise in industrial growth?

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An Age of Democracy and Progress

Section 4

Nineteenth-Century Progress

Terms and Names

assembly line  Arrangement by which a product in a factory is moved from worker to worker, with each worker completing a single step in the task

Charles Darwin  Scientist who developed the theory of evolution

time of evolution  Theory that all life on earth developed from simpler forms of life

radioactivity  Form of energy released as atoms decay

psychology  Study of the mind

mass culture  Art and entertainment appealing to a large audience

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about political change in the United States.

In this section, you will learn about progress in science and other fields.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to connect people with their ideas and inventions.

INVENTIONS MAKE LIFE EASIER  
(Pages 762–764)

How did inventions change ways of life?

In the late 1800s, new inventions changed how people lived. Inventors around the world worked to make new machines. Thomas Edison received patents on more than 1,000 inventions. Among them were the electric light bulb and phonograph. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. Guglielmo Marconi created the first radio.

There were changes in transportation, too. Henry Ford made the car affordable to ordinary people. He had a factory with an assembly line. It allowed him to build cheap cars. These cars were affordable for ordinary people. In 1903, the Wright brothers flew the first motor-powered airplane flight. Soon there was an aircraft industry.

NEW IDEAS IN MEDICINE  
(Page 764)

What new ideas appeared in medicine?

Until the mid-1800s, no one knew about germs. French scientist Louis Pasteur discovered that microscopic animals could live in food. Pasteur called these tiny creatures bacteria. Scientists such as Joseph Lister soon realized that bacteria could cause disease.

1. What were three important inventions during this period?

2. What relevance did Pasteur’s ideas have to the treatment of disease?
NEW IDEAS IN SCIENCE  
(Pages 765–766) 
What new ideas appeared in science? 
English scientist Charles Darwin developed the theory of evolution. This theory said that all life on earth had developed from simpler life forms over millions of years. This theory was hotly debated. Many people did not accept this idea. They said it went against the Bible. 
In the mid-1880s, an Austrian monk named Gregor Mendel showed that parents passed on their personal traits to their offspring. The science of genetics began. 
Other scientists made new discoveries in chemistry and physics. They found that all matter is made of tiny particles called atoms. Marie and Pierre Curie discovered radioactivity. Radioactivity is the energy that is released when atoms decay. 
3. Tell what each of the following discovered or developed: Charles Darwin, Gregor Mendel, Marie and Pierre Curie. 
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THE RISE OF MASS CULTURE  
(Pages 766–767) 
What is mass culture? 
In earlier times, most art, music, and the theater had been of interest to only the wealthy. With the rise of the middle class, a new mass culture developed. 
This new mass culture appealed to a wide audience. People went to music halls to enjoy singing and dancing. In the early 1900s, they watched the first silent movies. People also enjoyed sporting events, both as participants and as spectators. 
5. What new forms of entertainment became popular? 
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The Scramble for Africa

Terms and Names

**imperialism**  Control by a strong nation over a weaker nation

**racism**  Belief that one race is superior to others

**Social Darwinism**  Use of Charles Darwin’s ideas about evolution to explain human societies

**Berlin Conference**  Meeting at which Europeans agreed on rules for colonizing Africa

**Shaka**  Zulu chief who created a large centralized state

**Boer**  Dutch colonist in South Africa

**Boer War**  War between the British and the Boers

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about movements for democracy and self-rule.

In this section, you will learn about imperialism in Africa.

As You Read

Use an outline to list the forces and events surrounding imperialism in Africa.

**AFRICA BEFORE EUROPEAN DOMINATION; FORCES DRIVING IMPERIALISM (Pages 773–775)**

**Why did imperialism begin in the 1800s?**

In the early 1800s, Europeans controlled a few areas along the coast of Africa. By the mid-1800s, Europeans were expanding their control to new lands. This policy is called **imperialism**.

There were four basic reasons for imperialism. The first reason for imperialism had to do with money. Europeans wanted colonies to provide raw materials for their factories. The Europeans also wanted to sell their goods in their new colonies.

National pride was a second reason for imperialism. Some nations wanted to gain colonies to show their national strength.

**Racism** was a third reason for imperialism. Racism is the belief that one race is better than others. Many Europeans believed that whites were better than other races.

Racism is related to Social Darwinism. **Social Darwinism** is the use of Charles Darwin’s ideas about evolution to explain human societies. One of Darwin’s ideas was “survival of the fittest.” This idea was that the fittest, or strongest, species would survive. Weak species would not survive.
People who believed in Social Darwinism argued that fit people and nations survived. They also believed that weak people and nations would not survive.

Christian missionaries also supported imperialism. They thought that European rule would end the slave trade. The missionaries also wanted to convert the people of other continents to Christianity.

Europeans began to take lands in Africa for these reasons. Technology helped the Europeans succeed. The African peoples were divided. It was hard for them to resist European advances.

1. What are four reasons for imperialism?

THE DIVISION OF AFRICA
(Pages 775–776)
How did European nations claim African lands?

The "scramble for Africa" began in the 1880s. Diamonds were discovered in South Africa in 1867. Gold was discovered there in 1886. Europeans became more interested in the continent.

The European nations did not want to fight over the land. They met at the Berlin Conference in 1884–85. They agreed that any nation could claim any part of Africa by telling the others and by showing that it had control of the area. Europeans quickly grabbed land. By 1914, only Liberia and Ethiopia were free from European control.

2. What was the purpose of the Berlin Conference?

THREE GROUPS CLASH OVER SOUTH AFRICA (Pages 776–778)
What groups fought over South Africa?

In South Africa, three groups struggled over the land. In the early 1800s, the Zulu chief Shaka fought to win more land. Shaka’s successors were not able to keep his kingdom intact. The Zulu land was taken over by the British in 1887.

Meanwhile, the British took control of the Dutch colony on the southern coast. Thousands of Dutch settlers, called Boers, moved north to escape the British. This movement is known as the Great Trek. The Boers fought the Zulus whose land they were entering.

At the end of the century, Boers fought a vicious war against the British called the Boer War. The Boers lost this war. The Boers then joined the British-run Union of South Africa.

3. Who were the Boers, and whom did they fight?
Imperialism

Case Study: Nigeria

Terms and Names

paternalism  Governing in a “parental” way by providing for needs but not giving rights
assimilation  Absorbing colonized people into the culture of the imperialist nation

Menelik II  Leader of Ethiopian resistance

Before You Read

In the last section, you learned about the reasons for imperialism.

In this section, you will read about how the colonies were controlled.

As You Read

Use a web to record the forms and methods of European imperialism in Africa, the resistance it met with, and its impact.

A NEW PERIOD OF IMPERIALISM;
A BRITISH COLONY (Pages 779–782) What forms and methods did imperialist nations use to control their colonies?

Each imperial power had goals for its colonies. Imperialist nations had four forms of control: colony, protectorate, sphere of influence, and economic imperialism. A colony is an area ruled by a foreign government. A protectorate runs its own daily affairs, but is controlled by an imperialist nation. A sphere of influence is an area where an imperialist nation has exclusive economic rights. Economic imperialism refers to a situation where an independent nation is controlled by foreign businesses rather than foreign governments. Imperialist nations also developed two basic methods to manage their colonies. France and other European nations used direct control. They felt native peoples could not handle the tough job of running a country. Instead, the imperialist power governed. This policy was called paternalism. The French also had a policy of assimilation. All colonial institutions were patterned after French institutions. The French hoped that the native peoples would learn French ways.

Britain used indirect control. In this system, local rulers had power over daily matters. There were also councils of native people and government officials. These councils were supposed to help native people learn to govern themselves in the British method. When the United States began to colonize, it also used the indirect method of control.

Britain tried to rule Nigeria through indirect control. The British let local chiefs manage their areas. The system did not always work. The local chiefs in some regions of Nigeria resented having their power limited by the British.
1. What forms and methods did imperialists use to control and manage colonies?

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AFRICAN RESISTANCE
(Pages 782–784)
How did Africans resist imperialism?

Some Africans resisted imperialism. People in Algeria fought against the French for almost 50 years. In German East Africa, thousands of Africans died when they tried to use magic to fight German machine guns.

Only Ethiopia resisted the Europeans successfully. There, Emperor Menelik II played one European country against another. In 1896, he used European weapons to defeat an Italian army.

2. Who resisted imperialism in Africa, and what were the results?

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THE LEGACY OF COLONIAL RULE
(Page 784)
How did colonial rule affect Africa?

Africans enjoyed some benefits from colonial rule. European governments reduced local conflicts. The Europeans also brought Africa deeper into the world economy. Railroads, dams, and telephone and telegraph lines were built.

But imperialism mostly caused damage. Africans lost control over much of their land. Many African traditions were destroyed. People were forced out of their homes. Many were made to work in bad conditions. The boundaries that Europeans drew had no relation to ethnic divisions in Africa. These boundaries caused problems when the colonies became independent nations.

3. What were three benefits and three problems of colonial rule?

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The Ottoman Empire loses power

When did the Ottoman Empire become weak?

The Ottoman Empire was based in modern Turkey. But it controlled lands in Eastern Europe, North Africa, and Southwest Asia.

This empire lasted for hundreds of years, but by the 1800s, it was weak. The ruling party broke up into quarreling factions. Corruption and theft caused financial chaos. The Ottomans had once embraced modern technologies but now were falling behind the Europeans.

Nationalism began to stir among people in the empire. In 1830, Greece won its independence and Serbia won the right to govern itself. European nations eyed what remained of the empire hungrily.

1. What happened when the Ottoman Empire weakened?

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Europeans grab territory

Where did Europeans grab territory?

Geopolitics is the interest in or taking of land for its location or products. It played an important role in the fall of the Ottoman Empire. Russia hoped to win control of the Black Sea so it could ship grain into the Mediterranean Sea. Russia fought a war with the Ottomans in the 1850s called the Crimean War.

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Terms and Names

geopolitics Interest in or taking of land for its location or products

Crimean War Conflict in which the Ottoman Empire halted Russian expansion near the Black Sea

Suez Canal Human-made waterway connecting the Red and Mediterranean Seas
Russia lost the war when Britain and France joined on the side of the Ottomans. Still, the Ottomans later lost almost all of their land in Europe and parts of Africa. Muslim leaders, seeing this decline, decided to modernize their countries.

Russia also fought Great Britain in a war known as the “Great Game.” Russia sought to extend its empire and gain access to India, one of Britain’s most valuable colonies. The British defended India and also attempted to spread its empire beyond India’s borders. Much of the war was fought in the independent Muslim kingdom of Afghanistan. After decades of fighting, both countries withdrew and agreed to respect Afghanistan’s independence.

2. Why did Russia engage in the Crimean War and the Great Game?

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EGYPT INITIATES REFORMS;
PERSIA PRESSURED TO CHANGE
(Pages 788–790)
What measures did Muslim countries take to avoid imperialist domination?

Some Muslim leaders tried to adopt reforms to block European control of their lands. In Egypt, Muhammad Ali broke away from Ottoman control. He reformed the army and the economy. Ali’s grandson continued to modernize the empire. He joined with the French in building the

Suez Canal. It connected the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.

The canal was extremely expensive to build. Egypt quickly found that it could not afford to repay the money it owed. The British took control of the canal. Later the British took over the rest of the country as well.

In Persia, the Russians and the British competed for control. Russia wanted to use Persia to gain access to the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean. Twice Russia forced Persia to give up territories through military victories.

Britain wanted to use Afghanistan as a buffer between India and Russia. In 1857, Britain forced Persia to give up all claims to Afghanistan.

In the early 1900s, oil was discovered in Persia. A British company signed an agreement with Persia’s ruler to develop these oil fields. Persians rebelled against their ruler, who was corrupt, and the growing influence of Europeans. Then Russia and Britain stepped in and took control of the land.

In Muslim lands, the Europeans gained control by using economic imperialism and creating spheres of influence. Some Muslim countries tried to modernize. But these efforts came too late to prevent Europeans from taking over.

3. What happened in Egypt and in Persia?

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British Imperialism in India

Terms and Names

- **sepoy**: Indian soldier under British command
- **“jewel in the crown”**: Term referring to India as the most valuable of all British colonies
- **Sepoy Mutiny**: Uprising of Indian soldiers against the British
- **Raj**: British rule over India from 1757 to 1947

Before You Read

In the last section, you saw how Europeans grabbed Muslim lands.

In this section, you will read about British control of India.

As You Read

Use a diagram to identify the effects in India of the decline of the Mughal Empire, colonial policies, and the Sepoy Mutiny.

**BRITISH EXPAND CONTROL OVER INDIA** *(Pages 791–795)*

**How did British rule affect India?**

The Mughal Empire of India fell into decline in the early 1700s. By the mid-1700s, the British East India Company was the most important power in India. The company held huge amounts of land. The company even had its own army. This army was led by British officers. It was staffed by *sepoy*, Indian soldiers.

India was the main supplier of raw materials for Britain. The British called India the **“jewel in the crown”** because it was Britain’s most valuable colony.

India enjoyed some benefits from British rule. India’s rail system was the third largest in the world. The railroad helped make India’s economy more modern. The British made other improvements, too. They built telephone and telegraph lines, dams, bridges, and canals. They also improved sanitation and public health and built schools.

But British rule also caused problems. A great deal of wealth flowed from India to Britain. Indian industry died out because of British trade laws. Many farmers and villages could no longer feed themselves because they were forced to grow cash crops. India suffered famines in the late 1800s. In addition, most British officials had racist attitudes that threatened Indian culture.

1. What problems did British rule bring?

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THE SEPOY MUTINY (Pages 793–794)

**Why did Indians rebel?**

By the mid-1800s, many Indians resented British rule. In 1857, some Indian soldiers heard rumors about British weapons. The rumors offended the Indians’ religious feelings. The British handled the situation badly. The Indian soldiers rebelled. This rebellion has been called the Sepoy Mutiny. It took the East India Company and British troops a year to put it down.

The Sepoy Mutiny failed because the Indians were divided. Muslims and Hindus did not trust each other. After the revolt, the British government took direct control of British India. The term Raj refers to British rule over India from 1757 to 1947.

2. **What was the Sepoy Mutiny?**

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NATIONALISM SURFACES IN INDIA (Page 795)

**What were the goals of the Indian nationalist movement?**

Indians also resisted British control in other ways. Leaders such as Ram Mohun Roy urged changes in traditional Indian practices. He wanted to make Indian society more modern and to free India of foreign control.

Nationalist feelings also started to grow in India. Indians resented the British discrimination against them. Indians were barred from the best jobs in the Indian Civil Service. British workers were paid more than Indian workers doing the same job.

Indians formed two groups—the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League. Both groups pushed the British to make changes. In the early 1900s, they called for self-government.

3. **What groups called for change?**

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Imperialism in Southeast Asia

Terms and Names

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Before You Read

In the last section, you saw how the Indians reacted to imperialism. In this section, you will read about imperialism in Southeast Asia.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to identify a Western power and the areas it controlled.

European Powers Invade the Pacific Rim (Pages 796-799)

Which Western powers grabbed land in Southeast Asia?

European nations also grabbed land in the Pacific Rim, Southeast Asia and the islands on the edge of the Pacific Ocean. The lands of Southeast Asia were perfect for plantation agriculture. Sugar, coffee, cocoa, rubber, coconuts, bananas, and pineapples were important products.

The Dutch controlled Indonesia. Many of the Dutch who moved to Indonesia thought of Indonesia as their home. They set up a class system that kept the Dutch at the top. Wealthy and educated Indonesians came next. Plantation workers were at the bottom. The Dutch forced farmers to use one-fifth of their land for export crops.

The British took the port of Singapore plus Malaysia and Burma (modern Myanmar). They used Singapore as a base for trade. It became one of the world’s busiest ports. The British encouraged the Chinese to move to Malaysia. The

Malaysians have become a minority in their own country. Tension between the Malays and the Chinese remains to this day.

France grabbed Indochina (modern Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam). The French ruled Indochina directly and tried to push French culture on the Indochinese. The French did not encourage industry. Rice became a major crop. Although the Vietnamese grew more rice than before, they ate less of it because so much rice was sent out of the region. This problem set the stage for Vietnamese resistance to French rule.

Colonialism brought some features of modern life to these regions. But economic change benefited Europeans more than the local people. Even so, schooling, health, and sanitation were improved. Millions of people migrated to new regions of Southeast Asia. But the mix of cultures did not always go smoothly. Even today, some conflict between groups results from this period.
1. What major problems did colonialism bring?

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U.S. IMPERIALISM IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (Pages 798–799)

What lands did the United States acquire?

In the late 1800s, the United States also began to seek colonies. After the Spanish-American War in 1898, the United States took control of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippine Islands.

Filipino nationalists led by Emilio Aguinaldo fought against the Americans for their freedom. The United States defeated the rebels but promised to give the Philippines self-rule later. In the meantime, American businesses took advantage of Filipino workers.

American businessmen grew wealthy from sugar plantations in Hawaii. But they wanted to make more money. They also asked for the annexation, or addition, of Hawaii to the United States. That way they would get more money when they sold sugar in the United States. The American businessmen had a great deal of power in Hawaii.

In the 1890s, Queen Liliuokalani tried to regain control of her country for the Hawaiian people. The American businessmen overthrew her. They declared a republic. In 1898, it became a territory of the United States.

2. How did Siam confront imperialism?

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SIAM REMAINS INDEPENDENT (Page 798)

How did imperialism affect Siam?

One land—Siam (modern Thailand)—stayed independent. Siam was surrounded by lands taken by the French and British. The French and British did not want the other to control Siam. The Siamese kings played the French and British against one another to remain free of both nations.

King Mongkut and his son modernized Siam. They started schools and reformed the government. They also built railroads and telegraph lines and ended slavery. These changes happened with little social turmoil.

3. What happened in the Philippines?

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China Resists Outside Influence

Terms and Names

**Opium War**  War between Britain and China over the opium trade

**extraterritorial rights**  Rights of foreign residents to follow the laws of their own government rather than those of the host country

**Taiping Rebellion**  Rebellion against the Qing Dynasty

**sphere of influence**  Area in which a foreign nation controls trade and investment

**Open Door Policy**  Policy proposed by the United States giving all nations equal opportunities to trade in China

**Boxer Rebellion**  Rebellion aimed at ending foreign influence in China

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**Before You Read**

In the last section, you read about imperialism in Asia. In this section, you will see how China dealt with foreign influence.

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**As You Read**

Use a chart to identify the internal and external problems faced by China in the 1800s and early 1900s.

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**CHINA AND THE WEST**

*(Pages 805–806)*

**Was China able to resist foreign influence?**

In the late 1700s, China had a strong farming economy based on growing rice. Other crops, such as peanuts, helped to feed its large population. The Chinese made silk, cotton, and ceramics. Mines produced salt, tin, silver, and iron. China needed nothing from the outside world.

China limited its trade with European powers. All goods shipped to China had to come through one port. Britain bought so much Chinese tea that it was eager to find something that the Chinese would want in large quantities. In the early 1800s, the British began shipping opium, a dangerous drug, to China. The opium came mostly from India. The Chinese tried to make the British stop.

As a result of the **Opium War** that followed, the British took possession of Hong Kong. Later, the United States and European nations won **extraterritorial rights** and the right to trade in five ports. The Chinese resented these treaties but could not stop them.

1. What happened as a result of the Opium War?

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**GROWING INTERNAL PROBLEMS**

*(Pages 806–807)*

**What problems did China face?**

China had internal problems as well. The population had grown quickly. When rains were too light or too heavy, millions starved. The Chinese government was weak and too corrupt to solve its problems.
A leader arose who hoped to save China. His name was Hong Xiuquan, and he led the Taiping Rebellion. More than one million peasants joined his army. The rebels won control of large parts of the south. The government needed 14 years to put down this rebellion. The fighting destroyed much farmland. At least 20 million people died.

2. What was the Taiping Rebellion?

FOREIGN INFLUENCE GROWS
(Pages 807–808)
What was the official attitude toward reform?
In the late 1800s, one person ruled China—the Dowager Empress Cixi. She supported a few reforms in education, civil service, and the military. Despite her efforts to bring change, China continued to face problems.

Other countries were well aware of China’s weakness, and they took advantage of the situation. Throughout the late 1800s, many foreign nations won a sphere of influence in China. A sphere of influence is a region in which a foreign nation controls trade and investment.

The United States opposed these spheres of influence. Americans urged an Open Door Policy, in which all powers had equal access to Chinese markets. The Europeans agreed. This policy did not help China, however. Although it was not a colony or group of colonies, China was dominated by foreign powers.

3. How did foreigners begin to gain control over China?

AN UPSURGE IN CHINESE NATIONALISM
(Pages 808–809)
What actions resulted from growing nationalism?
Humiliated by their loss of power, many Chinese wanted strong reforms. In 1898, the young Emperor Guangxu, Cixi’s nephew, tried to put in place broader reforms.

Conservatives didn’t like this. The retired Empress Cixi had him arrested and she took back control of the government. China had lost a chance for reform.

Some Chinese peasants and workers formed the Society of Harmonious Fists, known as the Boxers. They wanted to get rid of all Western influence. That included any Chinese who had accepted Western culture or the Christian religion. At the start of the Boxer Rebellion in early 1900, Boxers surrounded Beijing’s European section. After many weeks, they were driven out by a multinational army.

Cixi finally began to allow major reforms. But change came slowly. In 1908, Chinese officials said that China would become a constitutional monarchy by 1917. However, unrest soon returned.

4. What was the Boxer Rebellion?
Modernization in Japan

Terms and Names

Treaty of Kanagawa  Treaty between the United States and Japan opening trade between the two nations
Meiji era  Period of rule by Emperor Mutsuhito from 1867 to 1912
Russo–Japanese War  War between Russia and Japan fought in 1904
annexation  Adding of territory

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about foreign influence in China.
In this section, you will learn about the steps taken by Japan to modernize.

As You Read

Use a chart to list the steps that Japan took toward modernization and the events that contributed to its growth as an imperialistic power.

JAPAN ENDS ITS ISOLATION
(Pages 810–811)
How did isolation end in Japan?

From the early 1600s to the mid-1800s, Japan traded with China and the Dutch and had diplomatic contact with Korea. But beyond that, Japan was largely isolated. British, French, Russian, and American officials tried to convince the Japanese to open up. But the Japanese repeatedly refused.

That situation changed in 1853 when American steamships with cannons entered Japanese waters. The next year, Japan and the United States signed the Treaty of Kanagawa. It agreed to open Japan to trade with America. Soon afterwards, Japan made similar deals with European nations.

Many Japanese were upset with the shogun, the military dictator, who had agreed to these new treaties. The Emperor Mutsuhito got their support and managed to overthrow the shogun. For the first time in centuries, the emperor ruled Japan directly. He reigned for 45 years, from 1867 to 1912. This period is called the Meiji era. The name Meiji means “enlightened rule.”

The emperor wanted to modernize Japan. He sent government officials to Europe and the United States. From what they saw, they shaped a new Japan. They modeled the government after the strong central government of Germany. They patterned the army after Germany’s and the navy after Britain’s. They adapted the American system of schooling for all children.

The emperor also supported changes to Japan’s economy. The country mined coal and built railroads and factories. In just a few years, Japan’s economy was as modern as any in the world.
1. What steps did Emperor Mutsuhito take to modernize Japan?

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**IMPERIAL JAPAN** (Pages 811–813)

**How did Japan increase its influence in Asia?**

By 1890, Japan had the strongest military in Asia. It asked foreigners to give up their special rights in Japan. The European nations agreed. Japan felt equal to the Western nations.

Japan became more imperialistic as its power grew. When China broke an agreement not to send armies into Korea, Japan went to war. It drove China out of Korea and gained Taiwan and some other islands as new colonies. In 1904, Japan and Russia fought the **Russo–Japanese War** over China’s Manchurian territory. Japan surprised the world by defeating a larger power that was supposed to be stronger.

The next year, Japan attacked Korea. Japan made Korea a protectorate. Japanese officials took more and more power away from the Korean government. The Korean king was unable to get help for his government from other countries. By 1910, Japan achieved annexation of Korea.

The Japanese were harsh rulers. They shut down Korean newspapers. They allowed only Japanese history and language to be taught. They took land from Korean farmers and gave it to Japanese settlers. They built factories run by Japanese only. Koreans were not allowed to start new businesses. Koreans resented these actions. They began a nationalist movement and protested against Japanese rule.

2. How did Japan expand its empire to Korea?

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LATIN AMERICA AFTER INDEPENDENCE (Pages 816–817)

What conditions existed among the new nations of Latin America?

In the early 1800s, the new nations of Latin America had serious problems. Most people were poor laborers. They worked on farms for large landowners who took advantage of them.

Another problem was political unrest. Local military leaders who wanted power ruled Latin American nations as caudillos, or military dictators. Landowners kept the caudillos in power. The landowners refused to give power to the poor people. Only people with property could vote.

Sometimes reformers did take office. But they never lasted long. When their reforms threatened the power of the wealthy too much, a dictator would rise and remove them from office.

1. What problems did the people in the new nations of Latin America face?

ECONOMIES GROW UNDER FOREIGN INFLUENCE (Pages 817–818)

What nations controlled Latin American economies?

Spain’s trade laws in Latin America ended when Spain lost control of those lands. The new countries could now trade with any nation. Britain and the United States became the chief trading partners.
As you read this section, answer the questions about three factors that set the stage for economic imperialism in Latin America.

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Turmoil and Change in Mexico

Terms and Names

**Antonio López de Santa Anna**  Leader in Mexico’s fight for independence

**Benito Juárez**  Leader of *La Reforma*

**La Reforma**  Movement in Mexico aimed at achieving land reform, better education, and other goals

**Porfirio Díaz**  Dictator who came to power after Juárez

**Francisco Madero**  Enemy of Díaz who believed in democracy

**“Pancho” Villa**  Popular leader of the Mexican revolution

**Emiliano Zapata**  Leader of a powerful revolutionary army

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about U.S. economic imperialism in Latin America.

In this section, you will read about revolution and reform in Mexico.

As You Read

Use a chart to compare the major accomplishments of the Mexican leaders discussed in this section.

**SANTA ANNA AND THE MEXICAN WAR**  (Pages 822–823)

**Who was Santa Anna?**

*Antonio López de Santa Anna* was a leading figure in the early history of independent Mexico. He fought for Mexican independence from Spain in 1821. He fought against Spain again in 1829 when Spain tried to recapture Mexico. He served as Mexico’s president four times.

But in the 1830s, Santa Anna was unable to stop Texas from winning independence from Mexico. In the 1840s, the United States annexed Texas. This angered many Mexicans.

When a border dispute between Mexico and Texas turned into armed conflict, the United States invaded Mexico. Santa Anna led his nation’s army and was defeated. Mexico surrendered huge amounts of land to the United States.

1. What losses did Mexicans suffer under Santa Anna?

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**JUÁREZ AND LA REFORMA**  (Pages 823–825)

**What was La Reforma?**

Another important leader of the middle 1800s was Benito Juárez. Juárez wanted to improve conditions for the poor.
He led a movement called La Reforma—a “reform.” La Reforma aimed to break the power of the large landowners and give more schooling to the poor. Juárez and his supporters won control of the government in 1858.

But conservatives who opposed La Reforma did not give up. They plotted with France to retake Mexico. In 1862, Napoleon III of France sent an army that captured the country in 18 months. Napoleon III named a European noble as emperor. But Juárez and his followers kept fighting. Five years later, they drove the French from Mexican soil and executed the emperor.

2. How did conservatives oppose La Reforma?

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PORFIRIO DÍAZ AND “ORDER AND PROGRESS” (Pages 825–826)

Who was Porfirio Díaz?

Juárez again pressed for his reforms. He made some progress but died in office in 1872. Soon after he died, a new leader emerged. Porfirio Díaz was a leader in Mexican politics for more than 30 years. Diaz brought order to the country. He ended raids by bandits and brought some economic growth, but he limited political freedom. A leader named Francisco Madero called for the overthrow of Diaz.

3. What were the benefits and drawbacks of Díaz’s rule?

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REVOLUTION AND CIVIL WAR (Pages 826–827)

Who were Villa and Zapata?

In the early 1900s, calls for reform got louder. Francisco “Pancho” Villa and Emiliano Zapata called for better lives for the poor. They raised armies and forced Diaz to step down. But political unrest continued. For many years, leaders struggled for power. In 1917, Mexico adopted a new constitution that survived all of the turmoil.

Conflict continued until a new political party gained control of Mexico in 1929. The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) brought peace and political stability to a troubled land.

4. What was the main goal of Villa and Zapata?

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Marching Toward War

Terms and Names

**militarism**  Glorifying war and preparing for it

**Triple Alliance**  Military agreement between Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy

**Kaiser Wilhelm II**  Emperor of Germany

**Triple Entente**  Military agreement among Britain, France, and Russia

Before You Read

In the last chapter, you read about political changes around the globe.

In this section, you will learn about the First World War.

As You Read

Use a time line to list major events that led to the start of World War I.

RISING TENSIONS IN EUROPE
(Pages 841–842)

*Why didn’t peace last in Europe?*

Many people in Europe had joined groups to work for peace. However, developments would soon lead Europe into war.

One of those developments was nationalism—a deep feeling of attachment to one’s own nation. This force helped unify the people of a country. It also created competition between countries.

By 1900, six nations were rivals for power in Europe. These nations, called the Great Powers, were Germany, Austria-Hungary, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, and France. They competed economically, and they competed for neighboring land.

Imperialism was another force that helped lead to war. France and Germany were each seeking to control parts of Africa. They almost came to war twice in the early 1900s. Mistrust was a huge problem.

The third factor leading to war was a growing arms race. Each country in Europe—except Great Britain—built a large army. Glorifying war and preparing for it is called militarism.

1. What were three factors leading to war?

TANGLED ALLIANCES
(Pages 842–843)

*What caused countries to fear one another?*

Growing rivalries led the nations to make military alliances. Prussia’s chancellor, Otto von Bismarck, feared that France would want revenge for its defeat in the Franco-Prussian War. He set out to isolate France. In 1879, he formed a Triple Alliance with Austria-Hungary and Italy. He also signed a treaty with Russia.
Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany did not want to share power with Bismarck. He forced Bismarck to resign and followed his own foreign policy. He let the agreement with Russia end. Russia soon allied itself with France. This alliance meant that Germany would have to fight enemies on its eastern and western borders if there were a war with either country. Wilhelm II then moved to make the German navy larger.

Britain grew alarmed. It began to build more ships. It also entered into the Triple Entente alliance with France and Russia. The six Great Powers had now formed two camps—Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy against Britain, France, and Russia.

2. What two groups of nations developed?

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CRISIS IN THE BALKANS
(Pages 843–844)

What part did the Balkans play in the increasing tensions?

Meanwhile, trouble was brewing in the Balkans, in southeastern Europe. The

Ottoman Empire controlled this area. But it was breaking apart. Both Austria-Hungary and Russia wanted some of this land.

The kingdom of Serbia was also in this region. It wanted to bring other Slavic peoples who lived in the Balkans under its control. In 1908, Austria-Hungary seized Bosnia and Herzegovina. These lands had Slavic peoples. This action angered the Serbs. However, their Russian allies were unwilling to support them, and they backed down.

By 1914, the situation was different. Serbia had gained land in other parts of the region and felt strong. Austria worried that Serbia might interfere with its control of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In June 1914, a Serbian killed Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary. Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. Russia came to Serbia’s defense. Soon most of Europe was at war.

3. How were the Serbians involved in the start of World War I?

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Europe Plunges into War

Terms and Names

**Schlieffen Plan**  Germany’s plan for winning the war on two fronts

**Allies**  Great Britain, France, Russia, and other nations who fought on their side

**Central Powers**  Germany, Austria-Hungary, and other nations who fought on their side

**trench warfare**  Fighting from trenches dug in the battlefield

**Western Front**  Region of northern France where much fighting took place

**Eastern Front**  Region along German-Russian border where much fighting took place

Before You Read
In the last section, you read how World War I began.
In this section, you will learn the details of this costly and tragic war.

As You Read
Use an outline to organize the main ideas and details in this section.

**THE GREAT WAR BEGINS**  *(Page 845)*

**How did so many nations become involved?**

The system of alliances turned the war between Austria-Hungary and Serbia into a wider war. Russia moved against Austria-Hungary. It figured that Germany would support Austria-Hungary. So it moved troops against Germany as well. Germany declared war on Russia. Soon after, it also declared war on Russia’s ally, France.

Germany had a plan for winning the war on two fronts. This was the **Schlieffen Plan**. It called for a rapid push through France, a quick defeat of that nation, and a turn to face Russia in the east. To capture France quickly, Germany moved through Belgium. Belgium was a neutral country. Britain was outraged by Germany’s action. It declared war on Germany. France, Britain, and Russia were called the **Allies**. They were later joined by Italy, which broke with Germany and Austria-Hungary. Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire joined Germany and Austria-Hungary. They were called the **Central Powers**.

1. Who were the Allies and Central Powers?
A BLOODY STALEMATE
(Pages 846–848)

What kind of warfare was used?

After the German army moved almost to Paris, French defenses strengthened and stopped them in September 1914. Both sides became bogged down in a bloody conflict. Soldiers dug deep trenches into the ground. Trench warfare began.

When soldiers left the trenches to storm enemy lines, they faced powerful weapons. Machine guns, tanks, poison gas, and larger pieces of artillery killed hundreds of thousands of soldiers. This was how the war was fought in France, which was called the Western Front.

2. What was the war like on the Western Front?

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THE BATTLE ON THE EASTERN FRONT (Pages 848–849)

What happened on the Eastern Front?

The war on the Eastern Front showed more movement at first—but it was equally destructive. Russian armies attacked both Germany and Austria-Hungary. They had some early success but were driven back in both places. One reason was that Russia did not have a fully industrial economy. It could not keep troops supplied.

Still, Russia had a huge population and could send millions to war. The large Russian army provided a constant threat to Germany. This threat prevented Germany from putting its full resources against the Allies in the west.

3. What weaknesses and strengths did Russia have?

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A Global Conflict

Terms and Names

unrestricted submarine warfare  Using submarines to sink any ship without warning

total war  War in which countries use all their resources for the war

rationing  Control of the amounts and kinds of goods people can have

propaganda  One-sided information designed to persuade

armistice  Agreement to stop fighting

Before You Read

In the last section, you read how the war was fought in Europe.

In this section, you will learn how the war affected the world.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to show the effects of World War I.

WAR AFFECTS THE WORLD

What other areas of the world were involved?

The Allies hoped to take a part of the Ottoman Empire called the Dardanelles. The attack failed with great loss of life. A more successful operation was headed by a British officer named T. E. Lawrence. He helped lead an Arab revolt against Ottoman rule. As a result, the Allies were able to capture several important cities in Southwest Asia.

Japan took German colonies in China and the Pacific Ocean. The Allies also captured three of the four German colonies in Africa.

The British had used their strong navy to block all supplies from reaching Germany. The Germans responded by increasing their submarine attacks on ships bringing food and supplies to the Allies. They used unrestricted submarine warfare. This meant sinking any ship without warning in the waters around Great Britain.

When American ships were sunk and lives were lost, the American people grew angry. Then the British intercepted a secret message from Germany to Mexico. This message asked Mexico to ally itself with Germany. In return, Germany offered to help Mexico regain land lost to the United States in the 1840s. In April 1917, Congress declared war on Germany.

1. What areas outside of Europe were affected by the war?

WAR AFFECTS THE HOME FRONT

What happened on the home fronts?

By 1917, the war had already killed millions. It had drastically changed the lives of millions more—people at home as well as soldiers fighting on the fronts.
This “Great War,” as it was called, was a total war. It demanded all the resources of the countries that fought it.

Governments took control of factories. It told them what to produce and how much of it to make. Governments also used rationing. This limited how much food and other goods people could buy and hold. That way armies in the field would have the supplies they needed.

Governments used propaganda to get support for the war. They also took steps to stop dissent, or opposition to the war.

With so many men in the military, women played a growing role in the economies of the countries at war. They worked in factories, offices, and shops. They built planes and tanks, grew food, and made clothing. These changes had an impact on people’s attitudes toward what kind of work women could do.

2. What were three ways that the war affected people’s day-to-day lives?

THE ALLIES WIN THE WAR
(Pages 854–855)

Why did the Allies win?

In 1917, the United States entered the war. And Russia left it. Suffering during the war chipped away at the Russian people’s support for the czar. In March, he stepped down. The new government hoped to continue fighting the war, but the Russian armies refused. Just months later, a new revolution broke out. Communists seized Russia’s government. They quickly made a treaty with Germany and gave up huge amounts of land in return for peace.

In March 1918, Germany tried one final attack. Once again, the German army nearly reached Paris. But the soldiers were tired, and supplies were short. The Allies—now with fresh American troops—drove the Germans back.

Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire surrendered. In October, a revolution overthrew the emperor of Austria-Hungary. In November, Kaiser Wilhelm II was forced to step down in Germany. The new government signed an armistice, an agreement to stop fighting. On November 11, 1918, Europe was finally at peace.

3. What were the final problems that Germany and Austria-Hungary faced?

THE LEGACY OF THE WAR
(Pages 855–856)

What was the cost of the war?

World War I had a devastating effect on the world. About 8.5 million soldiers had died. Another 21 million had been wounded. Countless civilians had suffered as well. The economies of the warring nations had suffered serious damage, too. Farms were destroyed, and factories ruined. One estimate said the war had caused $338 billion in damage.

The war also had an emotional cost. People felt all the suffering did not seem to have a purpose. The art and literature of the years after the war reflected a new sense of hopelessness.

4. Name one political, economic, and emotional cost of the war.
A Flawed Peace

Terms and Names

Woodrow Wilson  President who proposed the Fourteen Points and represented the
United States at Versailles

Georges Clemenceau  France’s premier and delegate at Versailles

Fourteen Points  Plan for a just and lasting peace

self-determination  Allowing people to decide for themselves about what kind of
government they want

Treaty of Versailles  Agreement at the end of World War I between Germany and the
Allied Powers

League of Nations  International group with the goal of keeping peace among nations

Before You Read

In the last section, you read how World War I spread and finally ended.
In this section, you will learn about the harsh peace that followed.

As You Read

Use a chart to record the reaction by Germany, Africans, Asians, Italy,
and Japan to the Treaty of Versailles.

THE ALLIES MEET AND DEBATE

(Pages 858–859)

What decisions were made at
Versailles?

Many nations sent delegates to the peace talks in Paris. The main leaders were Woodrow Wilson of the United States, Georges Clemenceau of France, and David Lloyd George of Britain. Germany and its allies and Russia were not present.

Wilson pushed for his peace plan called the Fourteen Points. He wanted to end secret treaties and alliances and give people self-determination, the right to form their own nation. He also hoped to set up a world organization that would police the actions of nations and prevent future wars.

Britain and especially France had different views. They had suffered greatly in the war. They wanted to punish Germany. After long debates, the leaders finally agreed on a peace settlement. It was called the Treaty of Versailles and was signed in June 1919.

The treaty called for a League of Nations—the world organization that Woodrow Wilson wanted. It would include 32 nations. The United States, Britain, France, Japan, and Italy would make up the leadership. Germany and Russia were left out of the League. The treaty took away German land in Europe and took away its colonies in Africa and the Pacific. Limits were placed on the size of Germany’s armed forces.
Finally, Germany was given complete blame for the war. That meant it would have to make payments to the Allies for the damage caused.

1. How did the Treaty of Versailles affect Germany?

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A TROUBLED TREATY

(Pages 859–861)

Who opposed the treaty?

   Germany’s former colonies were given to the Allies to govern until they decided which were ready for independence. Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia were all declared independent. Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—once part of Russia—were made independent nations as well. The treaty also broke up the Ottoman Empire. The Ottomans kept control only of Turkey.

   The treaty did not make a lasting peace. The United States Senate never approved the treaty or joined the League of Nations. Germans bitterly resented the treaty because it placed all the blame for the war on them. Colonial peoples in Africa and Asia were angry because the treaty did not make them independent. Japan and Italy were also upset by getting few territorial gains.

2. Which groups opposed the treaty and why?

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Revolution and Nationalism

Section 1

Revolution and Nationalism

Terms and Names

proletariat  The workers
Bolsheviks  Group of revolutionaries led by Lenin
Lenin  Leader of the Bolsheviks and first ruler of the Soviet Union
Rasputin  Eccentric monk assassinated because of his corrupt influence on the Russian royal family
provisional government  Temporary government led by Alexander Kerensky
soviet  Local governing council
Communist Party  A political party practicing the ideas of Karl Marx and Lenin
Joseph Stalin  Revolutionary leader who took control of the Communist Party after Lenin

Before You Read

In the last chapter, you read about World War I.

In this section, you will learn about the revolutions in Russia that occurred at the same time.

As You Read

Use a time line to record major events in the changing of Russian government between 1874 and 1922.

CZARS RESIST CHANGE (Page 867)

How did Alexander III rule?

In 1881 Czar Alexander II was killed by radical students. When a new czar, Alexander III, took control of the Russian government, reforms stopped. He cracked down on anyone who seemed to threaten his government. He also mistreated all non-Russian peoples who lived within the Russian empire, especially Jews. Nicholas II, the son of Alexander III, continued his father’s firm rule.

1. How did Alexander and Nicholas rule?

RUSSIA INDUSTRIALIZES (Page 868)

What changes did industrialization cause?

Russia started a buildup of industry. It quickly became a leading producer of steel. Russia also built the Trans-Siberian Railway—the longest continuous rail line in the world.

Although there was progress, working conditions were poor, wages were low, and children were forced to work. Workers grew angry. Revolutionary groups wanted to overthrow the government. Some followed the teachings of Karl Marx. One group—the Bolsheviks—was led by Lenin. He fled Russia a few years later to await a better time to put forth his ideas.
As you read this section, take notes to answer questions about some factors in Russia that helped lead to revolution.

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Case Study: Stalinist Russia

Terms and Names

**totalitarianism** Government that has total control over people’s lives

**Great Purge** Arrest, exile, or killing of thousands of suspected enemies of the Communist Party

**command economy** Economy in which the government makes all the economic decisions

**Five-Year Plans** Plans to develop the Soviet Union’s economy

**collective farm** Large, government-owned farm

Before You Read

In the last section, you learned about the factors leading to revolution in Russia.

In this section, you will read about the totalitarian government that resulted.

As You Read

Use a chart listing examples of methods of control used in the Soviet Union.

**A GOVERNMENT OF TOTAL CONTROL (Pages 874–876)**

**What is totalitarianism?**

The term **totalitarianism** describes a government that takes control of almost all parts of people’s lives. A very powerful leader leads this type of government. Usually the leader brings security to the nation. The government stays in power by using different ways to keep control.

The weapons of totalitarianism include using police terror. Police may spy on people, use brutal force, or even murder them. The government might also control schools and use them to mold students’ minds. Another weapon is propaganda.

This is false information that is spread by the government to make people believe the government is working for their best interests. At other times the government will censor, that is block, certain information from becoming public.

Totalitarian rulers might also choose some people to persecute. The group may be blamed for things that go wrong in the country. Often these are people from a certain ethnic group or religion. They may be forced to live in certain areas or have rules that apply only to them.

1. What are two weapons of totalitarianism?

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STALIN BUILDS A TOTALITARIAN STATE (Pages 877–878)

How did Stalin control the country?

Stalin kept tight control on the Soviet Union. He did this by creating a powerful secret police. In the mid-1930s, he turned against enemies—both real and imagined—within the Communist Party. Thousands were arrested. Many were sent to exile or killed. This was known as the Great Purge.

Stalin also used propaganda to keep control. He controlled newspapers, radio, and other sources of information. He also used the arts to promote his ideas. Stalin’s government also moved against religion. Churches were destroyed. Church leaders were killed or sent into exile.

2. Who died in the Great Purge?

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STALIN SEIZES CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY (Pages 877–878)

How did Stalin change the economy?

Stalin built a command economy. This is an economy in which the government makes all the decisions about economic life. He tried to make the economy fully industrial. All resources went to this effort. As a result, there were shortages of food, housing, and clothing for many years.

Stalin also began a farming revolution. The government took control of people’s farms. It put them together into large, government-owned farms called collective farms. Wealthy peasants called kulaks resisted. Millions were killed, and millions more were exiled to Siberia. Stalin got farm output to rise by using these brutal methods.

3. How did Stalin’s economic changes result in suffering?

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DAILY LIFE UNDER STALIN; TOTAL CONTROL ACHIEVED (Pages 878–879)

How did Stalin change Soviet society?

Stalin completely changed Soviet society. Women enjoyed equal rights. They filled all kinds of jobs on farms and in factories. They studied for careers that before had been closed to them. People in general were more educated.

By the mid-1930s Stalin was in complete control of all economic and political affairs in the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union had been transformed into a major political and economic world power.

4. What benefits did Stalin’s rule bring to women?

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Imperial China Collapses

Terms and Names

Sun Yixian  One of the first leaders of the Kuomintang; “father of modern China”
Kuomintang  Nationalist Party of China that overthrew the Qing Dynasty
May Fourth Movement  Chinese nationalist protest against China’s fate as decided by the Treaty of Versailles
Mao Zedong  Leader of the Communist revolution in China
Jiang Jieshi  Leader of the Chinese Nationalist Party
Long March  Escape of Communists to safety after being surrounded by Nationalist forces

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about totalitarianism in the Soviet Union.
In this section, you will learn about the overthrow of the Qing dynasty and the beginnings of the Communist party in China.

As You Read

Use a chart to compare and contrast the actions of Jiang Jieshi and Mao Zedong in controlling China.
He later became the leader of China’s Communist revolution.

1. What did China’s Nationalists want?

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2. What role did Jiang Jieshi play in creating the civil war?

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CIVIL WAR RAGES IN CHINA
(Pages 884–886)

Who fought the civil war?

Jiang had promised democracy and political rights to all Chinese. But his government had become less democratic and more corrupt. Nothing was done to improve the life of the rural peasants. Many of them gave their support to the Chinese Communist Party.

Communist leader, Mao Zedong, built an army of peasants. In 1933, Jiang’s army surrounded them. But the Communists got away. They began the famous Long March of 6,000 miles to the north. Thousands died. The Communists settled in caves in Northwest China.

At the same time, China had other problems. In 1931, Japan invaded the part of China called Manchuria. Japan took control there and six years later began invading other areas. With this new threat, Jiang and the Communists agreed to unite temporarily to fight the Japanese.

3. What finally united Communist and non-Communist forces?

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN CHINA
(Pages 883–884)

What happened to the Communist Party?

In the 1920s, revolutionaries began to look to Marxism and the Russian Revolution for a solution to China’s problems. Meanwhile, Sun Yixian became disappointed in the Western democracies. They refused to support his struggling government. He decided to become allies with the newly formed Communist Party. Sun sought Soviet help, too. He died in 1925. Jiang Jieshi became leader of the Kuomintang.

At first, Jiang Jieshi joined with the Communists to try to defeat the warlords. These warlords ruled as much of the Chinese countryside as their armies could conquer. Together the Nationalists and Communists successfully fought the warlords.

Many in the Kuomintang were business people. They now feared Communist ideas about government control of economic life. In 1927, Jiang began fighting the Communists. The Communists were forced into hiding. In 1928, Jiang became president of China. Soon China was torn by a civil war between the remaining Communists and Jiang’s forces.
Nationalism in India and Southwest Asia

**Terms and Names**

- **Rowlatt Acts**  Laws to prevent Indians from protesting British actions
- **Amritsar Massacre**  The slaughter of Indians by the British
- **Mohandas K. Gandhi**  Leader of the movement for Indian independence from Britain
- **Civil disobedience**  Disobeying the law for the purpose of achieving some higher goal
- **Salt March**  A march to the sea to protest British salt tax
- **Mustafa Kemal**  Leader of Turkish nationalists who overthrew the last Ottoman sultan

**Before You Read**

In the last section, you read about nationalism and civil war in China.

In this section, you will learn about nationalism in India and Southwest Asia.

**As You Read**

Use a web diagram to identify the styles of government adopted by nations in this section.

**Indian Nationalism Grows**

*Pages 887–888*

**Why did feelings of nationalism increase?**

- Many Indians grew angry at British domination of Indian life. Indian nationalism had been growing since the mid-1800s. Some Indians joined the Congress Party or the Muslim League. These were two groups that worked toward independence.

- More than one million Indians served in the British army in World War I. The British promised to make changes to the government of India. These changes would give the Indian people greater control of their own nation. After the war, though, returning Indian soldiers were once again treated as second-class citizens.

- Reforms were not made. When Indians protested, the British Parliament passed the **Rowlatt Acts** that allowed protesters to be jailed without a trial. Western-educated Indians believed this to be a violation of their rights.

- About 10,000 Indians gathered at the city of Amritsar to protest this act in the spring of 1919. The British had also banned such public meetings. But the crowd was mostly unaware of that fact. British troops fired on the crowd. Several hundred protesters were killed. The **Amritsar Massacre** sparked further protests. Almost overnight millions of Indians changed from loyal British subjects to revolutionaries and nationalists.

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1. What were three reasons for the increase of Indian nationalism?

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GANDHI’S TACTICS OF NONVIOLENCE; GREAT BRITAIN GRANTS LIMITED SELF-RULE
(Pages 888–889)

What were Gandhi’s ideas about nonviolence?

Mohandas K. Gandhi became the leader of India’s protest movement. He had attended law school in England. He had a deeply religious approach to political activity. His teachings contained ideas from all of the major religions of the world, including Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity.

Gandhi organized a campaign of noncooperation with the British. It was based on passive resistance, or civil disobedience, to unjust laws. He asked Indians to stop buying British goods, attending British schools, paying British taxes, or voting in British-run elections. He also persuaded his followers to take these actions while not using violence. British jails filled with thousands of Indians who broke British laws in order to protest them.

Indians resented a British law that forced them to buy salt only from the government. Gandhi organized a huge march to the sea to make salt by evaporating sea water. This action was called the Salt March.

Soon afterward, some demonstrators planned another march. They went to the place where the British government made salt. They wanted to close this site down. The British violently broke up the march. A news story about the event was published everywhere. It helped Gandhi’s independence movement gain worldwide support. In 1935, the British finally gave in. They passed a law that allowed local Indian self-government.

2. How did Indians use nonviolence to achieve their goals?

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NATIONALISM SPREADS TO SOUTHWEST ASIA (Pages 890–891)

What countries in Southwest Asia experienced great changes?

Other changes took place in Southwest Asia. Mustafa Kemal, a military commander, led nationalists in overthrowing the last Ottoman sultan. Kemal became the leader of a new republic in Turkey. He modernized the society and the economy in Turkey.

Before World War I, both Britain and Russia had influence in the ancient country of Persia. Britain tried to take control of all of Persia after the war. This led to a nationalist revolt. In 1921, Reza Shah Pahlavi, a Persian army officer, seized power. He later changed his country’s name to Iran. In both Turkey and Iran, women gained new rights.

In Arabia, different groups united to form one kingdom called Saudi Arabia.

Starting in the 1920s, Southwest Asia saw a major economic change and development. Western companies discovered large reserves of oil in several countries in this area. Oil brought huge sums of money to these countries. Western nations tried to gain power in the region so they could get some of this wealth.

3. What new countries were formed in Southwest Asia?
Postwar Uncertainty

Terms and Names

Albert Einstein  Scientist who developed the theory of relativity

Theory of relativity  Idea that as moving objects approach the speed of light, space and time become relative

Sigmund Freud  Physician who exposed the workings of the unconscious mind

Existentialism  Philosophy that says each person must make meaning in a world that has no universal meaning

Friedrich Nietzsche  German philosopher who dismissed reason, democracy, and progress as empty ideas

Surrealism  Art movement in which a dreamlike world, outside of reality, is portrayed or evoked

Jazz  Lively, loose form of popular music developed in the United States

Charles Lindbergh  First person to fly alone across the Atlantic

Before You Read

In the last chapter, you read about nationalism and revolution.

In this section, you will learn how new ideas changed old ways of thinking.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify two people who contributed to science, literature and philosophy, art and music, and technology.

A NEW REVOLUTION IN SCIENCE

(Page 897)

How did Einstein and Freud challenge old ideas?

Two thinkers developed radical new ideas that challenged old ways of thinking.

Albert Einstein completely changed physics with his ideas about space, time, matter, and energy. He said that as moving objects neared the speed of light, space and time became relative. That means they change. His idea is the theory of relativity.

Sigmund Freud changed the way people thought about the human mind. He said that much of human behavior was irrational—due to urges and desires buried in the unconscious mind of each person.

At first, people did not want to accept Freud’s ideas. Eventually, they gained wide influence.

1. What were Einstein’s and Freud’s new ideas?
How did writers and philosophers of the 1920s reflect society’s concerns?

Many philosophers lost faith in reason and progress after they looked at the destruction caused by World War I. One group developed the idea known as existentialism. **Existentialism** argues that there is no universal meaning to the world. Each person must give life meaning through his or her own actions.

These thinkers had been influenced by **Friedrich Nietzsche**. Nietzsche was a German philosopher of the late 1800s. He said that reason, democracy, and progress were empty ideas. He urged people to adopt the values of pride and strength.

Some authors, like Franz Kafka, wrote about the horrors of modern life. His novels put people in threatening situations that they could not understand or escape.

2. What is existentialism?

REVOLUTION IN THE ARTS
(Pages 899)

How was painting of this time different from traditional painting?

Artists rebelled against traditional painting. They did not re-create realistic objects. Paul Klee used bold colors and distorted lines. Pablo Picasso founded a style called cubism that broke objects into geometric shapes. An art movement called **surrealism** showed a dreamlike existence outside reality.

Composers created a new style of music. Some, like Igor Stravinsky, used unusual rhythms or harsh, rather than pleasing, sounds. African-American musicians in the United States developed a lively, loose form of popular music called **jazz**.

3. What two new styles arose in the visual arts?

SOCIETY CHALLENGES
CONVENTION (Page 900)

How did society change?

Society changed after World War I as well. Young people experimented with modern values. Women set aside earlier forms of dress, wearing new styles that were looser and shorter. Many women also began to work in new careers.

4. In what ways was society more open?

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES
IMPROVE LIFE (Pages 900–901)

What new technology arose?

Technology brought about changes to society as well. Improvements to the automobile helped make cars more desirable and affordable. More and more people bought cars. They began to move to suburbs.

Another change was the growth in air travel. American pilot **Charles Lindbergh** flew alone across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927. In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to make the flight alone.

The radio was developed and became popular. In the 1920s, large radio networks were built. Soon millions of people were entertained by radios in their homes. Millions more went to movie theaters to watch motion pictures.

5. What major changes came about in travel and entertainment?
A Worldwide Depression

Terms and Names

coalition government Temporary alliance of several political parties
Weimar Republic Government of Germany after World War I
Great Depression Severe economic downturn that followed the collapse of the U.S. stock market in 1929
Franklin D. Roosevelt President of the United States during the Depression
New Deal Roosevelt’s program for creating jobs and improving the American economy

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about new ideas in the postwar world.

In this section, you will learn about economic crisis and worldwide depression.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to record the effects of the Great Depression in the United States.

POSTWAR EUROPE; THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC (Pages 904–906)

What problems did Europe face after the war?

After the war, European countries were in bad political and economic shape. Even nations that had democratic governments for many years experienced problems. They had so many political parties that no one party could rule alone. Sometimes a coalition government had to be formed. This was an alliance of several political parties. In addition, governments lasted for such a short time that it was hard to develop policies.

The situation was the worst in Germany. The people felt little loyalty to the government. Germany’s government, the Weimar Republic, was very weak. Prices rose sharply, and money lost its value. Later, American bank loans helped the German economy recover.

World nations also took steps to try to make sure there would be lasting peace. France and Germany promised never to attack one another. Most countries of the world signed a treaty in which they pledged not to go to war. There was no way to enforce the treaty, however.

1. Why was the postwar situation in Germany especially bad?

FINANCIAL COLLAPSE; THE GREAT DEPRESSION (Pages 906–908)

Where and how did the Great Depression begin?

The economy of the United States enjoyed a boom in the 1920s. But this growth hid problems. Consumers were unable to buy all the goods produced.
When their purchases slowed, factories slowed production. Farmers faced falling food prices and slow sales. They were unable to repay loans and lost their farms. In 1929, stock prices in the United States plunged. The Great Depression had begun.

The depression affected other countries. Nations raised tariffs—taxes on goods imported from other countries—to keep import prices high. They hoped to increase sales by local companies. Unfortunately, trade between nations dropped, and unemployment shot up in many countries. The world suffered.

2. What caused the Great Depression?

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THE WORLD CONFRONTS THE CRISIS (Pages 908–909)

How did various countries meet this crisis?

Each country met the economic crisis in its own way. In Britain, a new multiparty government took over. It took steps that slowly improved the economy and cut unemployment.

In France, the political situation was worse. After several governments lost support, moderates and socialists combined to form a government. It passed laws to help workers, but companies raised prices to cover their labor costs. Unemployment remained high.

In Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, the governments played active roles in the economy. They taxed people with jobs to have money to pay benefits to people without jobs. The governments also created jobs by hiring out-of-work people to build roads and buildings.

In the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt began a program called the New Deal. The government spent large amounts of money on constructing roads, dams, bridges, airports, and buildings. This effort created jobs for millions. Businesses and farmers also got help from the government. The American economy got better, but the recovery was slow.

3. How did the United States meet the crisis?

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Fascism Rises in Europe

Terms and Names

**fascism** Political movement based on nationalism that gives power to a dictator and takes away individual rights

**Benito Mussolini** Fascist leader of Italy

**Adolf Hitler** Fascist leader of Germany

**Nazi** German brand of fascism

**Mein Kampf** Book by Hitler outlining his beliefs and goals for Germany

**lebensraum** Living space

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the Great Depression.

In this section, you will learn about the rise of fascism in Europe during troubled economic times.

As You Read

Use a chart to compare Mussolini’s rise to power and goals with Hitler’s.

**Fascism’s Rise in Italy**

*(Pages 910–911)*

**Why did fascism arise in Italy?**

The economic crisis of the Great Depression led to the loss of democracy in some countries. In these nations, millions of people turned to strong rulers to try to solve their economic problems. Such leaders followed a set of beliefs called **fascism**. Fascist leaders were very nationalistic. They believed in authority and built powerful military forces. Fascist governments were controlled by one party, and that party was ruled by one leader. The leader was the nation’s dictator. Fascist governments did not let their people have individual rights.

Fascism arose in Italy. It started there because people were angry that they did not get more territory in the treaty that ended World War I. Also, inflation and unemployment were big problems. **Benito Mussolini** came to power by promising to help the economy and build the armed forces. He used armed thugs to threaten political opponents. The king of Italy decided Mussolini was the best hope to save his dynasty and let him lead the government.

Mussolini became Il Duce, or the leader, of Italy. He outlawed all political parties except fascism. He tried to control the economy and outlawed strikes.

1. What did Mussolini promise the Italians?

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HITLER RISES TO POWER IN GERMANY (Pages 911–912)

How did Hitler gain control of Germany?

Another Fascist came to power in Germany. Adolf Hitler was the leader of the Nazi party. The German brand of fascism was called Nazism. He tried to take control of the government of Germany in 1923, but the attempt failed. He was sent to prison. In prison, Hitler wrote a book that summarized his ideas. It was called Mein Kampf. Hitler believed that Germans were superior to all other people. He said that the Treaty of Versailles treated Germany unfairly. He also said that a crowded Germany needed more lebensraum, or living space. To get that space, he promised to conquer the lands of eastern Europe and Russia.

2. What were some of Hitler’s beliefs?

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HITLER BECOMES CHANCELLOR (Pages 912–914)

What did Hitler do when he became Germany’s leader?

When the depression hit Germany, the country was in terrible shape. Hitler was named leader of the German government. Soon, he took the powers of a dictator. He became Germany’s führer, or leader. Those who opposed him were arrested. His economic program gave work to millions but took away their rights to organize into unions or to strike. He took control of all areas of life. He burned books that went against Nazi ideas. He forced children to join Nazi groups.

Hitler also attacked Germany’s Jews. Laws took away their rights. In November 1938, mobs attacked Jewish people and destroyed thousands of Jewish-owned buildings. This was the start of a process to eliminate the Jews from German life.

3. What changes did Hitler make?

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OTHER COUNTRIES FALL TO DICTATORS (Page 914)

What other countries were ruled by dictators?

Fascist dictators took control in other countries as well, including Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia, Albania, Bulgaria, and Romania. All had dictators or kings who ruled like dictators. Only Czechoslovakia remained as a democracy in eastern Europe.

Elsewhere in Europe, only in nations with strong democratic traditions—Britain, France and the Scandinavian countries—did democracy survive.

4. Why did democracy survive in some countries?

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JAPAN SEEKS AN EMPIRE
(Pages 915–916)

Why did Japan wish to expand?

Military leaders took control of Japan during the Great Depression. They wanted to solve the country’s economic problems by foreign expansion.

In 1931, the Japanese army invaded Manchuria, a province of China. Manchuria was rich in coal and iron. These were valuable resources for the Japanese economy. Other countries spoke in protest in the League of Nations but did nothing else. Japan ignored the protests. In 1933, it pulled out of the League.

Four years later, Japan invaded China. The powerful Japanese army swept Chinese fighters aside. It killed tens of thousands of civilians and soldiers in the city of Nanjing. In spite of these losses, Chinese forces—both the nationalists of the government and Communist rebels—continued to resist Japan.

1. What territories did Japan invade?

EUROPEAN AGGRESSORS ON THE MARCH (Pages 916–917)

What European nations were aggressors?

Italy’s Mussolini also wanted to expand. He dreamed of an Italian empire in Africa. In 1935 he ordered the invasion of Ethiopia. His troops won an easy victory. Haile Selassie, the emperor of Ethiopia, pleaded with the League of Nations to help. The League did nothing.
By giving in to Mussolini in Africa, Britain and France hoped to keep the peace in Europe.

Hitler made moves also. He broke the Versailles Treaty by rebuilding Germany’s army. In 1936, he sent troops into an area along the Rhine River between Germany and France that the treaty had forbidden the Germans to enter. The French and British again responded with appeasement—giving in to keep the peace.

The German movement into the Rhineland marked a turning point in the march toward war. Also in 1936, Hitler signed an alliance with Mussolini and with Japan. These three nations came to be called the Axis Powers.

In 1936, civil war broke out in Spain. The army, led by General Francisco Franco, revolted against a government run by liberals and socialists. Hitler and Mussolini sent aid to the army, which was backed by Spanish Fascists. The Soviet Union sent aid to the government. In early 1939, the government’s resistance to the army collapsed. Francisco Franco became Spain’s Fascist dictator.

2. What places did Germany and Italy invade?

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONS TRY TO
PRESERVE PEACE (Pages 918–919)

Why did the world’s democracies fail to stop the aggression?

At this time, many Americans resisted accepting the nation’s new role as a world leader. They believed that the United States should follow a policy of isolationism. Isolationism was the belief that political ties with other countries should be avoided. This, it was thought, would keep the country out of another foreign war.

In March 1938, Hitler moved his troops into Austria. He made it part of the Third Reich, or German Empire. This action broke the Versailles Treaty again. France and Britain once more did nothing.

Later that year, Hitler demanded that Czechoslovakia give up a part of its land to Germany. Czechoslovakia refused. The Munich Conference was held in September 1938 to solve the problem. At this meeting Germany, France, Britain, and Italy agreed to allow the Germans to take the land. In return, Hitler promised to respect the new borders of Czechoslovakia. A few months later, however, he took the entire country.

In the summer of 1939, Hitler made a similar demand of Poland. That nation also refused to give up land. Britain and France now said that they would protect Poland. But Hitler believed that they would not risk going to war. At the same time, he signed an agreement with Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin. The two countries promised never to attack one another.

The Axis Powers were moving unchecked at the end of the decade. The whole world was waiting to see what would happen next. It seemed that war would break out.

3. What happened at the Munich Conference?

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GERMANY SPARKS A NEW WAR IN EUROPE (Pages 925–926)

What caused Britain and France to declare war?

In 1939, Adolf Hitler decided to move on Poland. He had already conquered Austria and Czechoslovakia. When Hitler signed a nonaggression pact with Joseph Stalin of the Soviet Union, they agreed not to attack each other. Secretly, they also agreed to split Poland between them. This deal removed the threat of the Soviets attacking Germany from the east.

So, on September 1, the German army invaded Poland in a surprise attack. Using planes, tanks, and troops, it moved suddenly in a technique called blitzkrieg, or “lightning war.” Britain and France declared war, but Poland fell.

On September 17, after secret agreement with Hitler, Stalin invaded eastern Poland. Stalin then began annexing the regions covered in a second part of the agreement. Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia fell without a struggle. However, Finland fought back. In March 1940, Finland was forced to surrender.

For seven months after Poland fell to the Germans, Europe was calm. France and Britain got their armies ready. They waited for Hitler’s next move.

1. Why did Poland fall to the Germans so quickly?
THE FALL OF FRANCE; THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN (Pages 926–928)

What happened when France and Britain were attacked?

Suddenly in April 1940, Hitler’s armies invaded Denmark and Norway. Within two months, they also captured Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and France. Part of the French army, led by Charles de Gaulle, escaped to Britain to remain free and continue the fight. By then, Italy’s Benito Mussolini had joined Hitler’s side.

Great Britain—now led by Winston Churchill—stood alone. The German air force began bombing Britain. It wanted to weaken the country. Germany was getting prepared to invade Britain. But the British air force fought back. It was helped by the recently developed radar. This was an electronic tracking system that warned of coming attacks. Also, the British had broken the German army’s secret code. The Battle of Britain lasted many months. Unable to break British defenses, Hitler called off the attacks in May 1941.

2. Why did Germany fail to win the Battle of Britain?

THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE EASTERN FRONT (Pages 928–930)

What countries did Hitler invade?

Hitler then turned his attention to the east and to the Mediterranean. Germany sent troops under General Erwin Rommel to North Africa to help Italy fight the British. In April 1941, German armies quickly took control of Yugoslavia and Greece. In June, Hitler began a surprise invasion of the Soviet Union. The Red Army was the largest in the world. But it was not well equipped or well trained. The Germans quickly pushed deep into Soviet territory. The Red Army was forced to retreat.

To keep supplies out of German hands, the Red Army destroyed everything left behind. The Germans were stopped from taking Leningrad in the north. They then turned on Moscow, the Soviet capital. A strong Soviet counterattack, combined with fierce Russian winter weather, forced the Germans back. Moscow had been saved, and the battle had cost the Germans 500,000 lives.

3. What happened when Germany invaded the Soviet Union?

THE UNITED STATES AIDS ITS ALLIES (Page 930)

How did the United States take sides?

The United States watched these events. Many Americans did not want to join in the war. President Roosevelt wanted to help the Allies, however. He asked Congress to allow Britain and France to buy American weapons. Soon, American ships were escorting British ships carrying guns bought from the United States. By the fall of 1941, U.S. ships had orders to fire on German submarines that threatened the ships. The United States and Germany were fighting an undeclared naval war.

Roosevelt met secretly with Churchill in August of 1941. Although the United States was not officially in the war, the two leaders issued a statement called the Atlantic Charter. It supported free trade and the right of people to form their own government.

4. Name two ways in which the United States supported the Allies.
Japan’s Pacific Campaign

Terms and Names

Isoroku Yamamoto  Japanese admiral who decided that the U.S. fleet in Hawaii had to be destroyed

Pearl Harbor  Navy base in Hawaii attacked by the Japanese

Battle of Midway  Sea and air battle in which American forces defeated Japanese forces near Midway Island in the Pacific

Douglas MacArthur  U.S. general who commanded Allied forces in the Pacific

Battle of Guadalcanal  Six-month battle on the island of Guadalcanal in which American and Australian troops defeated Japanese defenders

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the war against Hitler in Europe.

In this section, you will learn about the war against Japan in the Pacific.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify the effects of four major events of the war in the Pacific between 1941 and 1943.

SURPRISE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR (Pages 931–932)

How did the United States fight Japan before declaring war?

The military leaders who ran the Japanese government also had plans to build an empire. Japan was overcrowded and did not have enough raw materials or oil.

The Japanese captured part of China in 1931. In 1937, they invaded the center of China. There they met strong resistance. Needing resources for this war, they decided to move into Southeast Asia.

The United States feared that Japanese control of this area would threaten U.S. holdings in the Pacific. Roosevelt gave military aid to China. He also cut off oil shipments to Japan.

Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto decided that the U.S. fleet in Hawaii had to be destroyed. On December 7, 1941, the Japanese navy began a surprise attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. In just two hours, Japanese planes sank or damaged a major part of the U.S. Pacific fleet—19 ships, including 8 battleships. The next day, Congress, at the request of President Roosevelt, declared war on Japan and its allies.

1. How did the United States respond to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor?

JAPANESE VICTORIES (Page 932)

What areas of Asia did the Japanese conquer between December 1941 and mid-1942?

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was just one of many sudden strikes. Japan also captured Guam, Wake Island, and the Philippines from the United States.
It took Indonesia from the Dutch and Hong Kong, Malaya, and Singapore from the British.

Japan then invaded Burma, located between India and China. Japan wanted to stop China from receiving supplies through Burma. Burma fell in May 1942. By that time, Japan had conquered more than 1 million square miles of land with about 150 million people.

Before these conquests, the Japanese had tried to win the support of Asians. They used the anti-colonial slogan “Asia for the Asians.” After their victory, the Japanese made it clear that they had come as conquerers.

2. What countries lost territory to Japan early in the war?

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THE ALLIES STRIKE BACK; AN ALLIED OFFENSIVE (Pages 934–935)

How did the Allies strike back?

The Japanese seemed unbeatable after a string of victories. But the Allies wanted to strike back in the Pacific. In April 1942, the United States sent planes to drop bombs on Tokyo. The attack raised the morale of Americans. In May 1942, the Allies suffered heavy losses at the Battle of the Coral Sea. Still, they were able to stop the Japanese advance and save Australia.

The next month, the U.S. Navy scored an important victory near Midway Island in the central Pacific. In the Battle of Midway, Japan lost four aircraft carriers, the most important naval weapon in the war. The victory turned the tide of war against Japan.

The United States now went on the attack. General Douglas MacArthur did not want to invade the Japanese-held islands that were most strongly defended. He wanted to attack weaker ones. The first attack came on Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands in August. The Japanese were building an air base there. It took six months of fighting for U.S. and Australian troops to drive the Japanese off the island in the Battle of Guadalcanal. The Japanese abandoned the island in February 1943.

3. Name three Allied victories against Japan.

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The Holocaust

Terms and Names

Aryans  Germanic peoples

Holocaust  Systematic mass killing of Jews and other groups considered inferior by Nazis

Kristallnacht  “Night of Broken Glass,” when Nazis attacked Jews throughout Germany

ghettos  Neighborhoods in which European Jews were forced to live

“Final Solution”  Hitler’s plan to murder as many Jews as possible

genocide  Systematic murder of an entire people

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the battles in the Pacific.

In this section, you will read about Hitler’s “final solution” in Europe.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to identify examples of Nazi persecution.

THE HOLOCAUST BEGINS

(Pages 936–937)

What was the Holocaust?

Part of Hitler’s new order for Europe included getting rid of “inferior” people. Hitler believed that the Aryans, or German peoples, were a “master race.” He had a deep-seated hatred of people who were not German. He particularly hated Jews. This led to the Holocaust, the murder of millions of Jews and other civilians.

During the 1930s, Hitler passed laws that took away the rights of German Jews. One night in November 1938, Nazi mobs attacked Jews throughout Germany. They destroyed homes and businesses and killed or beat many people. This night became known as Kristallnacht, or “Night of Broken Glass.”

Kristallnacht was a major step-up in the Nazi policy of persecuting the Jews. The future for the Jews in Germany looked grim. Thousands of Jews tried to leave Germany. Other countries accepted a large number but were unwilling to take all those who wished to leave.

Hitler ordered all Jews in Germany and his conquered lands to live in certain parts of cities called ghettos. The Nazis then sealed off the ghettos with barbed wire and stone walls. They wanted the Jews inside to starve or die of disease. Even under these horrible conditions, the Jews hung on.

1. How did the Holocaust begin?

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THE “FINAL SOLUTION”  
(Pages 937–939) 
What was the “Final Solution”? 
Hitler soon got tired of waiting for the Jews to starve or die of disease in the ghettos. He decided to take more direct action. He was going to kill as many Jews as possible. 
Hitler’s plan was the “Final Solution” to what the Nazis called the “Jewish problem.” It was genocide, the systematic murder of an entire people. The Nazis also wanted to wipe out many other people to protect the “purity” of the Aryan race. These people included Roma (gypsies), Poles, Russians, and those who were mentally or physically disabled. The Germans paid the most attention to Jews, however. 
Thousands of Jews were shot to death by “killing squads.” Millions were gathered and placed in concentration camps. These prisons used the inmates as slave workers. Many in the camps died of starvation or disease.

Starting in 1942, the Nazis built “death camps.” At these camps, thousands of Jews were gassed to death in huge gas chambers. In the end, six million Jews were murdered by the Nazis. Fewer than four million European Jews survived.

2. How was the “Final Solution” carried out?

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The Allied Victory

Terms and Names

Dwight D. Eisenhower American general who helped drive the Germans out of Africa
Battle of Stalingrad Battle during which the Red Army forced the Germans out of Stalingrad
D-Day Huge Allied invasion mounted to retake France from the Germans
Battle of the Bulge Final large-scale attack by German troops that was forced back by the Allies
kamikaze Japanese suicide pilots

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about the Holocaust in Europe.
In this section, you will learn how the war was fought and brought to an end around the world.

As You Read
Use a chart to identify the outcomes of several major World War II battles.

THE TIDE TURNS ON TWO FRONTS
(Pages 940–941)

Where did the tide of war turn in favor of the Allies?
In 1942, Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin planned the Allies’ strategy. Stalin wanted Britain and the United States to open a second front against Germany to relieve the pressure on his armies. Stalin wanted the attack in France. Roosevelt and Churchill agreed to a second front but chose to attack German General Erwin Rommel in North Africa.

In late 1942, the British army led by General Bernard Montgomery drove the Germans out of Egypt and back to the west. Meanwhile, American troops under the command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower landed behind the Germans and began moving east. The Germans were finally forced out of Africa in May 1943.

At the same time, the Soviets gained a major victory as well. German troops had invaded the Soviet city of Stalingrad in 1942. The Red Army forced the Germans to surrender in February 1943, ending the Battle of Stalingrad.

American and British soldiers next invaded Italy and captured Sicily in August 1943. Mussolini was driven from power and the new Italian government surrendered. But Hitler did not want to give up Italy. His army fought there until 1945.

1. What major victories did the Allies win?

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THE ALLIED HOME FRONTS  
(Pages 941–943)  
What problems did people face at home?  

While the Allies continued to fight, people at home suffered. Some British and Soviet citizens died. In the United States, citizens faced shortages. Goods such as food, tires, gasoline, and clothing were in short supply. The government rationed, or limited, these items so there would be enough for the military.  

Some Americans were even imprisoned. Bitter feelings against the Japanese became widespread. As a result, mistrust of Japanese Americans grew. The U.S. government took thousands of Japanese Americans who lived on the West Coast and moved them to relocation camps in the western United States. Two-thirds of these people were American citizens.  

2. What happened to Japanese Americans?  

VICTORY IN EUROPE  
(Pages 943–945)  
What were the final battles in Europe?  

In early 1944, the Allies built a massive force to retake France. In June, an invasion of thousands of ships, planes, and soldiers was launched. It was called D-Day. The invasion force suffered heavy losses but gained a foothold in northern France. A month later, Allied forces began to pour through German lines. In August, they marched in triumph into Paris. By September, they had driven the Germans out of France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and much of the Netherlands.  

At the same time, the Soviets were pushing the Germans back in eastern Europe. In late 1944, Hitler ordered his army to make one final, large-scale attack in the west. In the Battle of the Bulge, it punched through Allied lines until an Allied counterattack forced it back to Germany. By late April 1945, Soviet troops surrounded Berlin, Hitler’s headquarters. Five days later, he killed himself. A week later, the Germans surrendered. Roosevelt did not live to see this victory, however. He had died in early April. Harry Truman was now president.  

3. Name three events that led directly to Germany’s surrender.  

VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC  
(Pages 945–947)  
What led to victory in the Pacific?  

In the Pacific, the Allies began to move toward Japan in 1943. They landed troops in the Philippines in the fall of 1944. In the Battle of Leyte Gulf, in October 1944, the Japanese navy was crushed.  

As American troops moved closer to Japan, they faced attacks by kamikaze. These Japanese suicide pilots sank Allied ships by crashing their bomb-filled planes into them. In March 1945, U.S. Marines captured the island of Iwo Jima, a strategic Japanese stronghold. By June, they had won control of Okinawa, an island just 350 miles from Japan.  

Japan was the next stop. But the U.S. military feared that an invasion of Japan would cost half a million Allied lives. In August, President Truman ordered that an atomic bomb be dropped on the city of Hiroshima. A second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki three days later. Tens of thousands of Japanese died. Japan surrendered in September.  

4. Name two events that led directly to Japan’s surrender.
Europe and Japan in Ruins

Terms and Names

**Nuremberg Trials**  Trials of Nazi leaders charged with crimes against humanity, held in Nuremberg, Germany

**demilitarization**  Breaking down armed forces

**democratization**  Process of creating a government elected by the people

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about how the war ended.

In this section, you will learn about the war’s effects on Europe and Japan.

As You Read

Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the aftermath of World War II in Europe and Japan.

DEVASTATION IN EUROPE

(Pages 948–949)

**How did the war change Europe?**

The war had left Europe in ruins. Almost 40 million people were dead. Hundreds of cities were reduced to rubble by constant bombing and shelling. The ground war had destroyed much of the countryside. Displaced persons from many nations were trying to get back home. Often there was no water, no electricity, and little food. Hunger was constant.

Agriculture had been disrupted. Most able-bodied men had served in the military, and the women had worked in war production. Few had remained to plant the fields. With factories destroyed or damaged, most people had no earnings to buy the food that was available. Also the small harvests did not reach the cities because the transportation system had been destroyed. Suffering continued for many years in Europe.

1. What conditions existed in Europe after World War II?

POSTWAR GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICS (Pages 949–950)

**Who did the Europeans blame for the war?**

Europeans often blamed their leaders for the war and its aftermath. Once Germany was defeated, some prewar governments—like those in Belgium, Holland, Denmark, and Norway—returned quickly. In Germany, Italy, and France, the old fascist governments had disappeared. At first, the Communist parties grew strong in France and Italy. People who opposed Communism grew alarmed. They voted leaders from other parties into power. Communism lost its appeal when the economies of these lands improved.
During efforts to rebuild Europe, the Allies held the Nuremberg Trials in the German city of Nuremberg. There, captured Nazi leaders were charged with crimes against humanity. They were found guilty, and some were executed.

2. What were the Nuremberg Trials?

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POSTWAR JAPAN; OCCUPATION BRINGS DEEP CHANGES
(Pages 950–951)
What changes were made in Japan?

The defeat suffered by Japan in World War II had devastated that country. Two million lives had been lost. The country’s major cities were in ruins.

The U.S. Army occupied Japan under the command of General MacArthur. He began a process of demilitarization, breaking down the Japanese armed forces. MacArthur also paid attention to democratization, or creating a government elected by the people. His first step was to write a new constitution. It gave all power to the Japanese people, who voted for members of a parliament that would rule the land. All Japanese over age 20—including women—were given the right to vote. In 1951, other nations finally signed a formal peace with Japan. A few months later, U.S. military occupation ended.

3. How did the government of Japan change?

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Restructuring the Postwar World

Section 1

Cold War: Superpowers Face Off

Terms and Names

United Nations  World organization formed to prevent war
iron curtain  Division between Eastern and Western Europe during the Cold War
containment  Policy aimed at preventing the spread of communism
Truman Doctrine  Policy of giving aid to countries threatened by communism
Marshall Plan  Plan to give aid to European countries to help them recover
Cold War  State of tension and mistrust between the United States and the Soviet Union
NATO  Military alliance including the United States, Canada, and Western Europe
Warsaw Pact  Military alliance between the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe
brinkmanship  Willingness on the part of the superpower to go to the edge of war

Before You Read

In the last section, you learned about the end of the Second World War.

In this section, you will learn about the international tensions that followed the war.

As You Read

Use a time line to organize early Cold War events.

ALLIES BECOME ENEMIES
(Pages 965–966)

What caused the Cold War?
The United States and the Soviet Union were allies during World War II. In February 1945, they agreed to divide Germany into separate zones. Each zone was occupied by the soldiers of one of the Allies. The Allies also helped form the United Nations (UN) in 1945. The UN pledged to prevent war.

The United States and the Soviet Union had important differences after the war. The United States suffered few casualties and was the richest nation in the world.

The Soviet Union suffered enormous loss of life and damage to its cities.

There were also striking political differences. The United States wanted to encourage democracy. The Soviet Union wanted to set up Communist governments. These differences caused tensions between the two countries.

1. How did U.S. goals and Soviet goals differ after World War II?
EASTERN EUROPE’S IRON CURTAIN (Page 967)

How did the Soviet Union gain control of Eastern Europe?

At the end of World War II, Soviet forces occupied lands along its western border. After the war, Stalin made sure Communist governments were in place in these lands: Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Poland, and Yugoslavia. This divided Europe between East and West. Winston Churchill called this division the “iron curtain.”

2. What countries were separated from the West by the iron curtain?

UNITED STATES TRIES TO CONTAIN SOVIETS (Pages 967–969)

HOW did the United States respond to communism?

Truman began a policy of containment—blocking the Soviets from spreading communism. Under the Truman Doctrine, the United States helped nations that were threatened by communism. The United States also adopted the Marshall Plan in 1947. This plan gave food and other aid to European countries to help them recover.

In 1948, the Soviets and Americans clashed over Germany. France, Britain, and the United States agreed to pull their troops out of Germany. They let the three zones that they occupied unite. But the Soviets refused to leave their zone. Then they cut off all highway and train traffic into Berlin, which was deep within the Soviet zone. The United States and Britain responded with the Berlin airlift. They flew supplies into the city for 11 months. Finally, the Soviets lifted the blockade.

3. What was the Berlin airlift?

COLD WAR DIVIDES THE WORLD (Pages 969–971)

Why did tensions between the superpowers increase?

The struggle between the United States and the Soviet Union was called the Cold War. Many countries supported one superpower or the other.

The United States, Canada, and several countries in Western Europe formed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). NATO was a military alliance. Each nation promised to defend any other member that was attacked. The Soviets and the countries of Eastern Europe made a similar agreement. It was called the Warsaw Pact.

In 1949, the Soviet Union announced that it had developed an atomic bomb. Three years later, both superpowers had an even more deadly weapon—the hydrogen bomb. Soon both nations were involved in an arms race. They produced more and more nuclear weapons and developed new ways to deliver them. Both sides were willing to go to the brink, or edge, of war. This became known as brinkmanship.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the world’s first human-made satellite. Americans felt that the Soviets were far ahead in science and technology. The United States then began spending huge amounts of money to improve science education.

The U-2 incident brought more tension. The United States sent planes, called U-2 planes, to spy over Soviet territory. One was shot down in 1960.

4. What are three developments or events that increased tensions during the Cold War?
Communists Take Power in China

Terms and Names

Mao Zedong  Communist leader who defeated the Nationalists and led the People’s Republic of China

Jiang Jieshi  Nationalist leader who set up a new government in Taiwan

Commune  Large farm setup in China in which many families work the land and live together

Red Guards  Young Chinese students who carried out the Cultural Revolution

Cultural Revolution  Uprising in China between 1966 and 1976 that aimed to establish a society of peasants and workers in which all were equal

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about tensions between the superpowers.

In this section, you will read about civil war and the rise of communism in China.

As You Read

Use a chart to identify the causes and effects of the Communist Revolution in China.

COMMUNISTS VS. NATIONALISTS  
(Pages 972–973)

Who fought the civil war?

Nationalists and Communists fought for control of China in the 1930s. During World War II, they joined forces to fight against the Japanese. The Communists, led by Mao Zedong, organized an army of peasants in northwestern China. From there they fought the Japanese in the northeast.

The Nationalists, led by Jiang Jieshi, controlled southwestern China. The Nationalists were protected from the Japanese by mountains. The United States sent the Nationalists large amounts of money and supplies, but corrupt officers took much of it. The Nationalists built a large army, but they only fought a few battles against the Japanese.

After the Japanese surrendered, the Communists and Nationalists resumed their civil war. The war lasted from 1946 to 1949. The Communists won because their troops were well trained in guerrilla war. They also enjoyed the backing of the peasants to whom they had promised land. In 1949, Jiang Jieshi and other Nationalist leaders fled to the island of Taiwan.
1. What two groups fought the civil war, and who led them?

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THE TWO CHINAS AFFECT THE COLD WAR (Pages 973–974)
How did the two Chinas participate in the Cold War?
The United States helped the Nationalists set up a new government. The Nationalists called their land the Republic of China. Meanwhile, the Soviets helped Mao Zedong and his government, the People’s Republic of China.
The Chinese and the Soviets promised to help defend each other if either country were attacked. The United States responded by trying to halt Soviet expansion in Asia. Communist China also tried to expand its power. The Chinese invaded Mongolia, Tibet, and India.

2. How did the superpowers take sides with the two Chinas?

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THE COMMUNISTS TRANSFORM CHINA (Pages 974–975)
How did Mao change China?
Mao set out to rebuild China. He seized land and gave it to the peasants. But he also forced the peasants—in groups of 200 to 300 households—to join collective farms, or communes. On these farms, the land belonged to the group. Mao also took control of China’s industries. Under Mao’s plan, production of industrial products went up.

With this success, Mao launched the “Great Leap Forward.” He wanted to make the communes larger and more productive. The plan failed. People did not like strong government control. The government did not plan effectively. Between 1958 and 1961, famine killed millions.

In 1966, Mao tried to revive the revolution. He encouraged young people to revive the revolution. Students formed groups called Red Guards. This was the beginning of the Cultural Revolution. The Red Guards struck at teachers, scientists, and artists. They shut down schools and sent intellectuals to the country to work on farms. They killed thousands of people who resisted. China was in chaos. Factories shut down and farm production dropped. Eventually, Mao put an end to the Cultural Revolution.

3. What are three changes Mao made?

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How was Korea divided?
When World War II ended, Korea became a divided nation. North of the 38th parallel, a line that crosses Korea at 38 degrees north latitude, the Japanese surrendered to the Soviets. South of that line, the Japanese surrendered to the Allies.

As in Germany, two nations developed. The Soviet Union supported a Communist government in North Korea. The United States supported a non-Communist government in South Korea. On June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea. President Truman fought this move with help from the UN. The United States and other countries sent troops to assist South Korea. At first, the North Korean army captured almost all of South Korea. Then the UN army made a bold counter attack. The attack was led by General Douglas MacArthur. In 1953, the two Koreas agreed to a cease-fire. The earlier boundary splitting North and South Korea remained the same.

North Korea had a Communist government. It had a large, strong army and tight government control, but it also had many economic problems. For more than 30 years, dictators ruled South Korea. But its economy grew, in part because it received U.S. aid. Free elections were held in South Korea after a new constitution was adopted in 1987.
1. How did the Korean War change the way Korea was divided?

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WAR BREAKS OUT IN VIETNAM; THE UNITED STATES GET INVOLVED; POSTWAR SOUTHEAST ASIA (Pages 978–981)

How did the United States get involved in Vietnam?

A nationalist named Ho Chi Minh drove the French out of Vietnam. This worried the United States because Ho had turned to the Communists for help. Many Americans thought if one country became Communist, others would also, like a row of dominoes. This idea is known as the domino theory. A peace conference split Vietnam in two, with Ho taking charge of North Vietnam. The country had a Communist government. Communist rebels—the Vietcong—stayed active in the South.

The non-Communist government of the South had been set up by the United States and France. Its leader was Ngo Dinh Diem. When his government was threatened by Communists, the United States began to send troops. When they could not win the war on the ground, they tried bombing. Many people in the United States came to oppose the war.

In the late 1960s, President Richard Nixon began a plan called Vietnamization. This plan called for a gradual pullout of U.S. troops. At the same time, the South Vietnamese increased their combat role. The last American troops left in 1973. Two years later, North Vietnam overran the South and made Vietnam one country again.

Today, Vietnam remains Communist but is looking for other nations to invest in its economy.

Fighting in Vietnam spilled over into Vietnam’s neighbor, Cambodia. Rebels there were known as the Khmer Rouge. They set up a brutal Communist government. The Khmer Rouge killed 2 million people. In 1978, the Vietnamese invaded the country. They overthrew the Khmer Rouge. Vietnam withdrew in 1989. In 1993, Cambodia held free elections for the first time.

2. What happened in Vietnam after the United States withdrew?

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The Cold War Divides the World

Terms and Names

Third World  Developing nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America
nonaligned nations  Countries that did not take sides with either the United States or the Soviet Union
Fidel Castro  Communist leader of Cuba
Anastasio Somoza  Nicaraguan dictator
Daniel Ortega  Leader of Communist rebels in Nicaragua
Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini  Muslim leader who overthrew the Shah of Iran

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about wars in Korea and Vietnam. In this section, you will learn about Cold War struggles in other parts of the world.

As You Read

Use a chart to list main points about Third World confrontations.

FIGHTING FOR THE THIRD WORLD
(Pages 982–983)

How were developing nations affected by the Cold War?

After World War II, the world’s nations were grouped into three “worlds.” The First World included the United States and its allies. The Second World consisted of Communist nations led by the Soviet Union. The Third World was composed of developing nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Many Third World nations had serious problems. These problems were often due to a long history of colonialism. Some Third World nations faced political unrest that threatened the peace. Other problems included poverty and a lack of education and technology. Some of these countries tried to stay neutral in the Cold War. They met to form what they called a “third force.” It consisted of nonaligned nations, or countries that did not take sides between the Soviets and Americans. Others actively sought American or Soviet aid.

1. What problems did Third World nations face?

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CONFRONTATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA (Pages 984–985)

What happened in Latin America?

In Cuba, the United States supported a dictator in the 1950s. In 1959, a young lawyer, Fidel Castro, led a successful revolt. Castro received aid from the Soviet Union. In 1962, the Soviets and Americans almost went to war over nuclear missiles that the Soviets placed in Cuba. The Soviets finally pulled the missiles out. Over time, the Cuban economy became more dependent on Soviet aid. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, this aid stopped. It was a serious blow to Cuba’s economy.

The United States had also backed a dictator, Anastasio Somoza, in Nicaragua. Somoza’s government fell to Communist rebels in 1979. The rebels were led by Daniel Ortega. When the new government began helping leftist rebels in nearby El Salvador, the United States struck back. It began to support Nicaraguan rebels that wanted to overthrow the Communists. The civil war in Nicaragua lasted more than a decade. Finally, the different sides agreed to hold free elections.

2. Where did Communists gain power in Latin America?

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CONFRONTATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST (Pages 986–987)

What happened in Iran and Afghanistan?

The Middle East often saw conflict between those who wanted a more modern, Western-style society and those who wanted to follow traditional Islam. Such a struggle took place in Iran. In the 1950s, a group tried to take control of the government from Iran’s ruler, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. The United States helped the Shah defeat them.

Over time, the Shah tried to weaken the influence of Islam in Iran. A Muslim leader, the Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini, led a successful revolt. In 1979, the Shah was forced to leave the country. Khomeini made Islamic law the law of the land. He followed a foreign policy that was strongly against the United States. He also led his country in a long war against its neighbor, Iraq.

The Soviets gained influence in Afghanistan after 1950. In the 1970s, Islamic rebels threatened the country’s Communist government. The Soviets sent in troops to support the government. The United States felt its Middle East oil supplies were in danger and supported the rebels. In 1989, after a costly occupation, Soviet troops left Afghanistan.

3. How did Khomeini change Iran?

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The Cold War Thaws

Terms and Names

Nikita Khrushchev  Leader of the Soviet Union after Stalin
Leonid Brezhnev  Soviet leader after Khrushchev
John F. Kennedy  President of the United States from 1961 to 1963
Lyndon Johnson  President of the United States from 1963 to 1969
détente  Policy to decrease tensions between the superpowers
Richard M. Nixon  President of the United States from 1969 to 1974
SALT  Talks to limit nuclear arms in the United States and the Soviet Union
Ronald Reagan  President of the United States from 1981 to 1989

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about Cold War struggles around the world.
In this section, you will read about the major events of the Cold War from the 1950s to the 1980s.

As You Read
Use an outline to organize main ideas and details about the Cold War thaw.

SOVIET POLICY IN EASTERN EUROPE AND CHINA (Page 988)

How did the Soviets keep control over Eastern Europe?

Nikita Khrushchev became the Soviet leader after Stalin died in 1953. Krushchev began a process of “de-Stalinization.” This meant getting rid of Stalin’s memory. Krushchev also believed that the Soviet Union should have “peaceful competition” with the capitalist nations.


The Soviets did not have the same control over their larger neighbor, China. Although the Soviet Union and China enjoyed friendly relations at first, they gradually grew apart. The split became so wide that the Soviet Union and China sometimes fought along their border. The two nations now have a peaceful relationship.
1. In what two European countries did the Soviets put down revolts against Soviet control?

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FROM BRINKMANSHIP TO DÉTENTE; THE COLLAPSE OF DÉTENTE (Pages 990–991)

Did tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union change?

Tensions between the Soviets and the United States had been very high during the presidency of John F. Kennedy. They remained high during the presidency of Lyndon Johnson. The war in Vietnam helped keep relations tense.

In the early 1970s, the United States began to follow a policy called détente under President Richard M. Nixon. Détente was a policy of lowering tensions between the superpowers. Nixon made visits to both Communist China and the Soviet Union. In 1972, he and Brezhnev held meetings called the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT). They signed a treaty to limit the number of nuclear missiles each country could have.

The United States retreated from détente when the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1979. In 1981, Ronald Reagan, a fierce anti-Communist, became president. He proposed a costly anti-missile defense system to protect America against Soviet missiles. It was never put into effect. But it remained a symbol of U.S. anti-Communist feelings.

The Soviets grew angry over American support for the rebels fighting against the Communists in Nicaragua. Tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union increased until 1985 when a new leader came to power in the Soviet Union.

2. Name two actions or events that got in the way of détente.

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The Colonies Become New Nations

Section 1

The Indian Subcontinent Achieves Freedom

Terms and Names

**Congress Party**  Group consisting mostly of Hindus that led a campaign for India’s independence

**Muhammed Ali Jinnah**  Leader of the Muslim League

**Muslim League**  Muslim group that led a campaign for India’s independence

**partition**  Division of India into two nations

**Jawaharalal Nehru**  First prime minister of India

**Indira Gandhi**  Daughter of Nehru who followed him as prime minister

**Benazir Bhutto**  Former prime minister of Pakistan

Before You Read

In the last chapter, you read about the Cold War.

In this section, you will read about changes in India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

As You Read

Use a time line to take notes on prominent Indian prime ministers from independence through the current day.

**A MOVEMENT TOWARD INDEPENDENCE**  (Page 997)

*What led to the movement for independence?*

Many Asians served in the armies of the colonial powers during World War II. The fight against the Nazis deepened Asians’ desire for independence. Japanese victories over European powers early in the war made Asians believe that the colonial rulers could be defeated. In Europe, people began to doubt that it was right for nations to have colonies.

1. Name two things that increased Asian hopes for independence.

**FREEDOM BRINGS TURMOIL**  (Pages 998–999)

*What divisions existed between Indian political groups?*

In the 1920s, Mohandas Gandhi led a movement for Indian independence. Two groups worked in this effort. The Indian National Congress, also called the **Congress Party**, said that it represented all of India. Most of its members were Hindu. **Muhammad Ali Jinnah** formed the **Muslim League** in 1906. He said that the Congress Party did not care for the rights of Indian Muslims. The British encouraged the division of Hindus and Muslims. This division helped the British keep control of the country.
After World War II, Britain was ready for India to be independent. But the British did not know which people in India would take power. Riots broke out between the Hindus and Muslims throughout India.

Gandhi tried to end the violence. A Hindu extremist assassinated him for protecting Muslims. Lord Louis Mountbatten, the last British viceroy of India, also tried to stop the violence. He finally accepted the idea that partition, or the division of India into two nations, was necessary.

The British Parliament passed a law granting independence in July 1947. It created the separate Hindu and Muslim nations of India and Pakistan. The law gave people only one month to decide which country they wanted to live in and to move there. As millions of people began to move, more violence broke out.

2. What happened when the separate nations of India and Pakistan were created?

MODERN INDIA (Pages 999–1000)
What problems has modern India faced?

Jawaharlal Nehru became the first prime minister of India. He led the country for 17 years.

India and Pakistan went to war over the state of Kashmir. Kashmir bordered both countries. It had a Hindu ruler and a large Muslim population. Conflict over Kashmir continues today.

Nehru tried to reform Indian society. He hoped to improve the status of the lower castes and of women. Shortly after he died in 1964, his daughter, Indira Gandhi, became prime minister. She took steps to increase food production. In 1984, she ordered an attack on Sikh rebels. A few months later, she was killed by Sikhs. She was followed by her son Rajiv Gandhi. He was later assassinated. Separatist movements continue to disrupt Indian society.

3. Why does conflict continue in Kashmir?

PAKISTAN COPES WITH FREEDOM; BANGLADESH AND SRI LANKA STRUGGLE (Pages 1001–1003)
How have new political divisions led to violence?

Pakistan has faced a great deal of violence, too. When Pakistan was first formed, it had east and west parts that were separated by India. In a bloody fight in 1971, the eastern part won its independence. The new nation took the name Bangladesh. Power struggles have caused problems in the western part since then. Its leaders have included Ali Bhutto and his daughter, Benazir Bhutto. She was elected prime minister twice.

Ceylon, an island on the southeastern coast of India, won its independence in 1947 as well. In 1972 it was renamed Sri Lanka. In 2009, a Hindu minority on the island—the Tamils—lost a civil war to form a separate nation.

4. Why has violence occurred in Pakistan?
Southeast Asian Nations Gain Independence

Terms and Names

**Ferdinand Marcos**  Leader of the Philippines who was elected but ruled as a dictator

**Corazón Aquino**  Woman who defeated Marcos in the elections of 1986

**Aung San Suu Kyi**  Daughter of Aung San; winner of Nobel Prize for her fight for democracy in Burma

**Sukarno**  Leader of Indonesian independence movement; first president of Indonesia

**Suharto**  Leader who turned Indonesia into a police state

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about independence and conflict in India. In this section, you will read about independence and the challenges of self-rule in Southeast Asia.

As You Read

Use a chart to summarize the major challenges that Southeast Asian countries faced after independence.

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**THE PHILIPPINES ACHIEVES INDEPENDENCE** (Pages 1004–1006)

*What happened in the Philippines after it gained independence?*

In 1946, the United States gave the Philippines independence. The United States also promised money to help the Filipinos rebuild their economy. To win the aid, however, the Filipinos had to agree to a trade deal. For the next few decades, the United States kept naval and air bases on the islands. Many Filipinos wanted the bases closed. In 1991, the United States left the bases.

From 1966 to 1986, **Ferdinand Marcos** led the country. He was elected president but after a few years ruled as a dictator. He then harshly put down dissent and stole millions of dollars from the country. When he lost an election to **Corazón Aquino** in 1986, he refused to leave office. A large public outcry forced him to step down.

1. Who was Ferdinand Marcos?

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**BRITISH COLONIES GAIN INDEPENDENCE** (Pages 1006–1007)

*Which Southeast Asian British colonies won independence?*

Burma was the first British colony in Southeast Asia to become independent. Nationalist leader Aung San helped drive the British out of Burma in 1948. Burma changed its name to Myanmar in 1989. Since 1962, generals have ruled the country.
Myanmar has been torn by conflict often. Aung San Suu Kyi won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for her opposition to this military rule.

After World War II, the British moved back into the Malay peninsula. They tried to form a country there. But ethnic conflict between Malays and Chinese who lived in the area stopped them. In 1957, independence was given to Malaya, Singapore, and parts of two distant islands.

Singapore later declared independence as a city-state. Singapore is one of the busiest ports in the world. It is also a banking center. Its economy creates a high standard of living.

2. What happened in Burma after it gained independence?

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INDONESIA GAINS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE DUTCH (Pages 1008–1009)

What challenges did Indonesia face?

Sukarno led an independence movement in Indonesia while Japan held that country. After World War II, he quickly declared an independent Indonesia. The Dutch at first tried to regain control over their former colony. But in 1949 they recognized Indonesia’s independence.

Indonesia is spread out. It has 13,600 islands and includes people from 300 different groups that speak 250 different languages. It has been difficult for leaders to unite the nation. In 1967, a general named Suharto took control. He ruled until 1998. Many criticized him for taking over the island of East Timor and for corruption in his government. In the late 1990s Indonesia faced severe economic problems.

3. Why has governing Indonesia proven difficult?

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New Nations in Africa

Terms and Names

Negritude movement African movement after World War II to celebrate African culture, heritage, and values

Kwame Nkrumah Leader in the Gold Coast independence movement

Jomo Kenyatta Nationalist who helped lead Kenya to independence

Mobutu Sese Seko Ruler who took control of the Congo in 1965 and renamed it Zaire

Ahmed Ben Bella Leader of the FLN who became the first president and prime minister of Algeria

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the struggle for self-rule in Southeast Asian colonies.

In this section, you will read about new nations in Africa.

As You Read

Use a chart to list an idea, an event, or a leader important to Ghana, Kenya, Zaire, Algeria, and Angola.

ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE

(Pages 1012–1013)

Why did independence movements increase after World War II?

During World War II, Africans fought as soldiers along with Europeans. After the war, Africans wanted independence. Many Africans took part in the Negritude movement. The purpose of this movement was to celebrate African culture, heritage, and values.

1. What was the Negritude movement?

GHANA LEADS THE WAY; FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

(Pages 1013–1015)

What challenges did newly independent nations face?

The British gave Africans a greater part in the colonial government of its Gold Coast colony. Kwame Nkrumah led a movement to push Britain to act more quickly. The effort succeeded. In 1957 the Gold Coast colony became independent. The new nation took the name Ghana.

Nkrumah had big plans for building the economy of Ghana. But these plans were very expensive. Opposition grew. Finally, the army seized power in 1966. Ghana has been ruled by a military dictator since 1981.
The strong leadership of nationalist Jomo Kenyatta helped Kenya achieve independence in 1963. An uprising of Africans called Mau Mau also helped. Mau Mau aimed at frightening the British settlers to leave. Kenyatta became president of the new nation. He tried to unite the many different people in his country. Kenya has faced violence and a weak economy in the 1990s.

A bloody conflict for independence took place in Algeria. About 1 million French settlers lived there. They were unwilling to give up their property or their control of the colonial government. Violence broke out in 1945 and continued for many years. In 1954, the Algerian National Liberation Front, or FLN, announced its intention to fight for independence. In 1962, the French finally granted independence to Algeria.

Ahmed Ben Bella, a leader of the FLN, was the first prime minister and then the first president of Algeria. From 1965 until 1988, Algerians tried to modernize their country. These efforts failed.

An Islamic party won elections in 1991. But the government rejected the vote. Fighting between Islamic militants and the government continued through the 1990s.

2. What problems did the new nations of Ghana and Kenya face?

CIVIL WAR IN CONGO AND ANGOLA (Pages 1015–1016)

What happened in the Congo after independence?

The Congo won its independence from Belgium in 1960. But the new nation was not well prepared for self-rule. The Congo quickly fell into civil war.

In 1965, Mobutu Sese Seko took control. He renamed the country Zaire and ruled until 1997. Zaire had rich mineral resources. But Mobutu’s harsh and corrupt rule made the country poor. He was overthrown in a coup in 1997. The country’s name was changed back to the Congo.

The colonies of Portugal were the last to gain their independence. Portugal did nothing to prepare the people of Angola for self-rule. Three Angolan groups emerged in the 1960s that were determined to control the new government.

In the 1970s, the army of Portugal revolted against its government over the war in Angola. The troops left Angola without putting any group in charge. Angolans fought a long civil war. The war ended in 1989. But no strong government has formed yet.

3. How did Mobutu rule the Congo?

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Conflicts in the Middle East

Terms and Names

Anwar Sadat  Egyptian leader who signed a peace agreement with Israel
Golda Meir  Israeli prime minister at the time of the 1973 Arab–Israeli war
Camp David Accords  Agreement in which Egypt recognized Israel as a nation and Israel gave the Sinai Peninsula back to Egypt
Oslo Peace Accords  Agreement aimed at giving Palestinians self-rule
PLO  Palestine Liberation Organization
Yasir Arafat  Leader of the PLO
intifada  Sustained rebellion by Palestinians

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about conflicts in the new nations of Africa.
In this section, you will learn about conflicts in the Middle East.

As You Read
Use a chart to list some important political and military events that occurred following the Suez Crisis.

Israel Becomes a State
(Pages 1017–1018)
How did Israel come into being?
The movement to settle Jews in the region of Palestine began in the late 1800s and early 1900s. These Jews desired to create a state in their ancient homeland. But Muslims had lived there since the 7th century.

After World War I, Britain took control of the area. The British found that Jews and Muslims did not live together peacefully. In 1917, Britain announced it would support the establishment of a Jewish national homeland in Palestine. This statement is known as the Balfour Declaration.

After World War II, the British left the area. The United Nations proposed that the Palestine Mandate be divided into two states: one for the Palestinian Arabs; the other for the Jews.

Arab countries voted against the plan. Many countries backed the idea of a separate Jewish state. They wanted to help make up for the suffering Jews had experienced in World War II. On May 14, 1948, the Jewish people declared the existence of the State of Israel.

1. Why did the creation of Israel cause conflict?

Israel and the Arab States in Conflict
(Pages 1018–1019)
How did Arab states respond to the creation of Israel?

On May 15, 1948, six Arab nations invaded Israel. Israel won the war in a few months with strong support from the United States. This war was the first of many Arab-Israeli wars.

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Another war was started by the Suez Crisis. The crisis began in 1956 when a group of Egyptian army officers seized control of the government of Egypt from Britain. The British and French had kept control of the Suez Canal. Gamal Abdel Nasser, the new leader of Egypt, attacked the canal. The Israeli army helped the British and French keep control. The peace settlement that followed gave the canal to Egypt anyway.

The Six-Day War broke out in 1967 when Egypt and other nations threatened Israel. Israel defeated Egypt, Iran, Jordan, and Syria in just a week. Israel’s success brought new areas under its control.

The next war, in 1973, began when Egypt, led by Anwar Sadat, and its allies launched a surprise attack. At first, Arab forces won some of the territory lost in 1967. Israel, led by its prime minister, Golda Meir, fought back and won control of much of the territory it had lost.

2. What did the Suez Crisis and Six-Day War have in common?

EFFORTS AT PEACE
(Pages 1020–1021)
What happened at Camp David?

In 1978, Egyptian leader Sadat signed a peace agreement with Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin. In this agreement, Israel gave the Sinai Peninsula back to Egypt. In return, Egypt recognized Israel as a nation. Egypt was the first Islamic country to give this recognition. This agreement became known as the Camp David Accords. It was followed by the first peace treaty between Israel and an Arab country. This angered many Arabs. Sadat was assassinated in 1981.

3. What is significant about the Camp David Accords?

PEACE SLIPS AWAY
(Pages 1022–1023)
How have Palestinians responded to living in Israel?

Despite many efforts, Israel and the Palestinians have not made peace. Many Palestinians living in Israel dislike Israeli rule. They want a nation of their own.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), led by Yasir Arafat, became a leading group in the struggle for self-rule. During the 1970s and 1980s, the military arm of the PLO made many attacks on Israel. Israel responded by invading Lebanon to attack bases of the PLO. In the late 1980s, many Palestinians in Israel began a revolt called the intifada.

In the early 1990s, the two sides took steps toward peace. Israel agreed to give Palestinians control of an area called the Gaza Strip and of the town of Jericho. The agreement was known as the Oslo Peace Accords. The Israeli leader who signed this agreement, Yitzhak Rabin, was assassinated in 1995. He was killed by a Jewish extremist who opposed giving in to the Palestinians. A second intifada occurred in 2000. Then, in 2003, the two sides began working on a new peace plan pushed by U.S. leaders.

4. What is the state of Israeli-Arab relations today?
Central Asia Struggles

Terms and Names

Transcaucasian Republics  The nations of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia
Central Asian Republics  The nations of Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan
mujahideen  A group that fought against the Soviet-supported government in Afghanistan
Taliban  A conservative Islamic group that controlled most of Afghanistan from 1998 to 2001

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about conflicts in the Middle East.
In this section, you will learn how the nations of Central Asia have struggled to achieve freedom.

As You Read
Use an outline to organize the section’s main ideas and details.

FREEDOM BRINGS NEW CHALLENGES (Pages 1024–1025)
What challenges have the countries of Central Asia faced?

In 1991 the Soviet Union broke apart. As a result, the republics that it had conquered became fifteen independent states. These states include nine countries in Central Asia. One group of Central Asia States is known as the Transcaucasian Republics. The other group of states is called the Central Asian Republics. Since independence, the countries of Central Asia have faced economic problems. These countries are some of the poorest in the world. They were helped economically by the Soviet Union. When they gained independence, they had a hard time standing on their own. In addition, economic practices during the Soviet era created problems. For example, the Soviets made certain areas of Central Asia grow only one crop, such as cotton. Growing a single crop hurt the nations of Central Asia. They did not develop a balanced economy. Central Asia is home to many different peoples. Some of these people have a history of hatred toward each other. When the Soviets ruled the region, they controlled these hatreds. However, after the Soviet Union broke apart, various groups began to fight. Some of these fights became regional wars.

1. Why have countries in Central Asia faced economic problems?

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AFGHANISTAN AND THE WORLD
(Pages 1025–1027)

How has Afghanistan struggled for freedom?

Afghanistan had a long history of struggle. During the 1800s, both Russia and Britain wanted to control Afghanistan. Russia wanted to get to the Indian Ocean through Afghanistan. Britain wanted to protect the northern borders of its Indian Empire. Britain fought three wars with the Afghans. Eventually, Britain left the country in 1919.

In 1919, Afghanistan became an independent nation. It set up a monarchy, or rule by a king. In 1964, the country created a constitution. This constitution set up a more democratic style of government. However, the democratic system failed to grow.

In 1973, military leaders put an end to the democratic government. Five years later, a group took control of the country. This group was supported by the Soviet Union. Many Afghanis were against this group.

The Soviet-supported government had strong enemies. Many of these enemies formed a rebel group known as the mujahideen, or holy warriors. The mujahideen fought strongly against the Soviet-supported government. The Soviet Union wanted to defeat the rebels in Afghanistan. To get this done, Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan in 1979. The Soviets greatly outnumbered the rebels. Despite this, the rebels were tough to beat. The two groups fought for 10 years. Eventually, the Soviet troops left the country.

After the Soviets left, various Afghan rebel troops began fighting each other for control of the country. By 1998, an Islamic group known as the Taliban controlled most of Afghanistan. Another rebel group, the Northern Alliance, held the northwest corner of the country.

The Taliban had an unusual understanding of the Islamic religion. Many other Muslims disagreed with this understanding. The Taliban believed that they should control nearly every part of Afghan life. Women were forbidden to go to school or hold jobs. The Taliban did not allow watching television and movies or listening to modern music. Punishment for disobeying the rules included whipping and execution.

The Taliban allowed terrorist groups to train in Afghanistan. They allowed terrorist leaders, such as Osama bin Laden, to stay in their country. Bin Laden led a terrorist group called al-Qaeda. Many believe this group has carried out attacks on the West. For example, Al-Qaeda is believed to have done the attacks on the World Trade Center. Those attacks happened in New York on September 11, 2001.

After the September 11 attacks, the U.S. government told the Taliban to turn over bin Laden. The Taliban refused. Then the United States took military action. In October 2001, U.S. forces began bombing Taliban air defense, airfields, and command centers. Al-Qaeda training camps were also bombed. On the ground, the United States helped anti-Taliban forces, such as the Northern Alliance. By December, the United States had driven the Taliban from power.

The Afghanis then created a new government. Hamid Karzai was the leader of this government.

2. What are some of the ways that the Taliban controlled Afghan society?

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Democracy

Case Study: Latin American Democracies

Terms and Names

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<td>standard of living</td>
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<td>recession</td>
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Before You Read

In the last section, you read about conflicts in the Middle East.

In this section, you will read about the struggles for democracy in Latin America.

As You Read

Use a chart to take notes on the steps Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina have taken toward democracy.

DEMOCRACY AS A GOAL
(Pages 1033–1034)

How does democracy work?

For democracy to work, several conditions must exist. There must be free and fair elections. There must also be more than one political party. The people of the country should have a good education. Then they can make informed choices. They should share a common culture. All must accept the idea that everyone has equal rights. Finally, there must be rule by law, not by power. Many nations in Latin America have had difficulty achieving democracy because all these factors are not present.

1. Name at least four factors needed to make democracy work.

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DICTATORS AND DEMOCRACY
(Pages 1034–1036)

What challenges has Brazil faced?

After independence in 1822, Brazil started out as a monarchy. After 1930, a dictator ruled. But in 1956, Juscelino Kubitschek was elected president. He tried to improve the economy. He built a new capital city, Brasilia. He supported land reform. Land reform aimed at breaking up large estates and giving land to the peasants.
Landowners opposed land reform. They backed a group of army leaders who took power in 1964. The military ruled Brazil for 20 years. The country’s economy grew. But the people had few rights. Eventually, their standard of living also fell. This means the quality of life, judged by the amount of goods people have, went down. By the 1980s a recession—a decrease in the size of the economy—hurt Brazil.

2. What changes did land reform bring in Brazil?

3. How has the PRI controlled Mexico?

3. How has the PRI controlled Mexico?

ONE-PARTY RULE (Pages 1036–1038)
What party has controlled Mexico for most of the century?

Mexico has had a stable government since the 1920s. One political party—now called the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI)—has been in power during this period. This party has controlled the local, state, and national governments.

At times, the PRI acted harshly to stop any dissent. For example, in 1968 the government killed many people who took part in a demonstration for economic reform.

The PRI recently opened up the political system to candidates from other parties. In 1997, two opposition parties won many seats in the national legislature. They ended PRI control of that congress. Then, in 2000, Mexican voters ended 71 years of PRI rule by electing Vicente Fox as president.

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DISORDER (Pages 1038–1039)
How has democracy grown in Argentina?

Argentina has also struggled toward democracy. In the 1940s and 1950s, Juan Perón was a popular dictator. He put in place many programs to benefit the masses. But in 1955, the army overthrew him. The army controlled the government for many years. Army leaders ruled harshly. They killed many people who opposed them.

In 1982, the army suffered a stinging defeat in a war with Britain. The generals agreed to step down. Since 1983, Argentina has been led by freely elected leaders. However, it has experienced a growing economic crisis.

4. What happened after Perón was overthrown?
The Challenge of Democracy in Africa

Terms and Names

**federal system**  System in which power is shared between state governments and a central authority

**martial law**  Military rule

**dissident**  Person against government policy

**apartheid**  Strict separation of blacks and whites

**Nelson Mandela**  Leader of the African National Congress who was imprisoned

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about challenges to democracy in South America and Mexico.

In this section, you will read about struggles for democracy in Africa.

As You Read

Use a Venn diagram to compare political events in Nigeria and South Africa.

**COLONIAL RULE LIMITS DEMOCRACY**  *(Page 1040)*

What problems did colonial rule create?

African nations have had a hard time setting up democratic governments because of the effects of colonial rule. European powers made borders in Africa that paid no attention to ethnic groupings. They put people who disliked each other in the same area. This practice caused conflict.

Also, the European nations never built up the economies of their colonies. Most of the colonies lacked a middle class or skilled workers. Both are needed for a strong democracy. When Britain and France gave their African colonies independence, they gave them democratic governments. But problems soon arose between rival groups.

1. Name three things that have slowed democracy in Africa.

CIVIL WAR IN NIGERIA; NIGERIA’S NATION-BUILDING  *(Pages 1041–1043)*

What happened after Nigeria gained independence?

In 1960, Nigeria became independent from Britain. It adopted a federal system.
In a federal system, power is shared between state governments and a central authority. But conflict broke out in just a few years. The people of one ethnic group—the Igbo—tried to break away from Nigeria in 1967. The Igbo lost in a three-year civil war.

A period of martial law, or military rule, followed the war. In 1979 Nigeria got an elected government. Some army officers said the government was corrupt. The officers overthrew the government in 1983. Once in power, they treated the people from other ethnic groups harshly. They jailed dissidents, opponents of government policy. The military rulers allowed elections in 1993. But they did not accept the results of the elections and continued to rule the land.

2. What happened after Nigeria’s civil war?

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3. Why was the African National Congress formed?

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STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY (Pages 1044–1045)

How did apartheid end?

By the late 1980s, several riots had taken place. Blacks angrily struck back against apartheid. People in other nations also opposed apartheid. They boycotted, or would not buy, goods produced in South Africa. They hoped the boycott would persuade the South African government to end apartheid.

In 1990, President F. W. de Klerk took that step. He made the ANC legal and released ANC leader Nelson Mandela from prison. The South African parliament passed a law ending apartheid. In April 1994, all South Africans—even blacks—were able to vote in an election for a new leader. The ANC and Mandela won easily.

In 1996, the new government approved a new constitution. It gave equal rights to all South Africans.

4. Why did F. W. de Klerk end apartheid?

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SOUTH AFRICA UNDER APARTHEID (Page 1043)

What was apartheid?

In South Africa, the conflict was between races. A white minority ruled a black majority. In 1948, the whites put in place a policy called apartheid—the strict separation of blacks and whites. Black South Africans were denied many basic rights. Some joined together in a group called the African National Congress (ANC) to fight for their rights. The white government cracked down on the ANC. They put many ANC leaders in prison.

Nelson Mandela, the leader of the ANC, was one of the people imprisoned.
Struggles for Democracy

Section 3

The Collapse of the Soviet Union

Terms and Names

Politburo  Ruling committee of the Communist Party
Mikhail Gorbachev  Leader of the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991
glasnost  Gorbachev’s policy of openness
perestroika  Gorbachev’s policy aimed at reforming the Soviet economy
Boris Yeltsin  Political opponent of Gorbachev who became president of Russia
CIS  Commonwealth of Independent States, a loose federation of former Soviet territories
“shock therapy”  Yeltsin’s plan for changing the Soviet economy

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about political conflicts in Africa.

In this section, you will read about the fall of the Soviet Union and the rise of Russia.

As You Read

Use a time line to record significant events in the Soviet Union and Russia.

GORBACHEV MOVES TOWARD DEMOCRACY (Page 1046)

How did Gorbachev open up Soviet society?

During the 1960s and 1970s, the leaders of the Soviet Union kept tight control on society. Leonid Brezhnev and the Politburo—the ruling committee of the Communist Party—crushed all political dissent. In 1985, Communist Party leaders named Mikhail Gorbachev as the leader of the Soviet Union. He was the youngest Soviet leader since Joseph Stalin. He was expected to make minor reforms. But his reforms led to a revolution.

Gorbachev felt that Soviet society could not improve without the free flow of ideas. He started a policy called glasnost, or openness. He opened churches. He let political prisoners out of prison. He allowed banned books to be published.

1. What was the Glasnost policy?

REFORMING THE ECONOMY AND POLITICS (Page 1047)

What changes did Gorbachev make in the Soviet economy and politics?

Gorbachev began a policy called perestroika, or economic restructuring. It tried to improve the Soviet economy by lifting the tight control on all managers and workers.
In 1987, Gorbachev opened up the political system. He allowed the people to elect representatives to a legislature.

Finally, Gorbachev changed Soviet foreign policy. He moved to end the arms race against the United States.

2. What was the policy of perestroika?

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THE SOVIET UNION FACES TURMOIL (Pages 1048–1050)

What problems did the Soviet Union face?

People from many different ethnic groups in the Soviet Union began calling for the right to have their own nation. In 1990, Lithuania declared independence. Gorbachev sent troops. They fired on a crowd and killed 14 people. This action and the slow pace of reform cost Gorbachev support among the Soviet people.

Many people began to support Boris Yeltsin. Old-time Communists were becoming angry at Gorbachev. They thought his changes made the Soviet Union weaker. In August 1991, they tried to take control of the government. When the army refused to back the coup leaders, they gave up.

To strike back, the parliament voted to ban the party from any political activity. Meanwhile, more republics in the Soviet Union declared their independence. Russia and the 14 other republics each became independent states. Most of the republics then agreed to form the Commonwealth of Independent States, or CIS, a loose federation of former Soviet territories. By the end of 1991, the Soviet Union had ceased to exist.

3. Name three events that led up to the collapse of the Soviet Union.

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RUSSIA UNDER BORIS YELTSIN (Page 1050)

What happened when Gorbachev lost power?

After the coup failed, Gorbachev lost all power. Yeltsin became the most powerful Russian leader. As president of Russia, he faced many problems. He tried to change the economy. His economic plan was known as “shock therapy.” This move toward capitalism caused suffering.

In addition, rebels in the small republic of Chechnya declared their independence from Russia. Yeltsin refused to allow it. He sent thousands of troops to put down the Chechen rebels. As a bloody war raged, Yeltsin resigned and named Vladimir Putin as president.

4. What decisions did Yeltsin make about the economy?

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RUSSIA UNDER VLADIMIR PUTIN (Page 1051)

How did Putin handle the situation in Chechnya?

Putin dealt harshly with the rebellion in Chechnya but the rebellion dragged on for years. Chechen rebels seized a theater in Moscow and more than 100 people died.

Economic troubles continued as Russia dealt with social upheaval caused by years of change and reform. Social problems included homeless children, domestic violence, and unemployment, as well as declines in population, standard of living, and life expectancy.

5. What were some of the signs of social distress in Russia?
Changes in Central and Eastern Europe

Terms and Names

**Solidarity** Polish workers’ movement  
**Lech Walesa** Leader of Solidarity  
**reunification** Uniting of East and West Germany into one nation  
**ethnic cleansing** Policy of murder and brutality aimed at ridding a country of a particular ethnic group

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the collapse of the Soviet Union.

In this section, you will read about the fall of communism and other changes in Central and Eastern Europe.

As You Read

Use a chart to record reasons that nations in Central and Eastern Europe broke apart.

POLAND AND HUNGARY REFORM  
(Pages 1052–1053)  
**How did Poland and Hungary change?**

Gorbachev urged Communist leaders in Eastern Europe to change their policies but many of them resisted. Despite resistance from the old Communist leaders, the people of Eastern Europe wanted reform. Protest movements began to build.

In Poland, years of economic problems troubled the people. Polish workers organized a union called **Solidarity**. Solidarity went on strike to get the government to recognize the union.

The government gave in to Solidarity’s demands. But later, the government banned the union and threw **Lech Walesa**, the union’s leader, in jail. This caused unrest. Finally, the government was forced to allow elections. The Polish people voted overwhelmingly against the Communists and for Solidarity. However, the Polish people became frustrated with how slow and painful the road to economic recovery and capitalism was. In 1995, they voted Walesa out of office and replaced him with Aleksander Kwasniewski as president.

Inspired by the Poles, leaders in Hungary started a reform movement. The reformers took over the Communist party. Then the party voted itself out of existence. In 1999, Hungary joined NATO as a full member.

1. What caused frustration and change in Poland?
GERMANY REUNIFIES
(Page 1053–1054)
What changes occurred in Germany?
Thousands of people across East Germany demanded free elections. Soon, the Berlin Wall, which divided East and West Berlin, was torn down. By the end of 1989, the Communist party was out of power.

The next year reunification occurred. The two parts of Germany, East and West, were one nation again. But the new nation had many problems. The biggest problem was the weak economy in the east.

2. What happened after the Berlin Wall fell?

DEMOCRACY SPREADS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA (Page 1055)
What happened in Czechoslovakia?
In Czechoslovakia, calls for reform took place. When the government cracked down on protesters, thousands of Czechs poured into the streets. One day hundreds of thousands of people gathered to protest in the nation’s capital. The Communists agreed to give up power.

Reformers launched an economic reform program that caused a sharp rise in unemployment that especially hurt Slovakia, the republic occupying the eastern third of the country. In 1993, the country split into two separate nations: the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The economies of both slowly improved.

3. How did the government of Czechoslovakia change?

OVERTHROW IN ROMANIA
(Page 1055–1056)
What happened in Romania?
In Romania, Nicolae Ceausescu, the Communist dictator, ordered the army to shoot at protesters. This caused larger protests. The army then joined the people and fought against the secret police loyal to Ceausescu. He was captured and executed in 1989. General elections quickly followed and the new government reformed the economy. The government made economic reforms to introduce capitalism.

4. How did the government of Romania change?

THE BREAKUP OF YUGOSLAVIA
(Page 1056–1058)
What happened in Yugoslavia?
Yugoslavia was made up of many different ethnic groups. In the early 1990s, they began fighting. When Serbia tried to control the government, two other republics—Slovenia and Croatia—declared independence. Slovenia beat back a Serbian invasion. But Serbia and Croatia fought a bloody war.

In 1992, Bosnia-Herzegovina also declared independence. Serbs who lived in that region opposed the move. Using aid from Serbia, they fought a brutal civil war against the Bosnian Muslims. The Serbs used murder and other forms of brutality against the Muslims. This ethnic cleansing was intended to rid Bosnia of its Muslims. The United Nations helped create a peace agreement.

In 1998, the Balkan region experienced violence again in Kosovo, a province in southern Serbia, which Serbian forces invaded in order to suppress an independence movement. A NATO bombing campaign forced Serbian leaders to withdraw their forces.

5. Who fought in the civil war in Yugoslavia?
Struggles for Democracy

Section 5

China: Reform and Reaction

Terms and Names
Zhou Enlai  Chinese leader who worked with President Nixon to improve U.S.–Chinese relations
Deng Xiaoping  Chinese leader after Zhou Enlai
Four Modernizations  Goals of Deng Xiaoping that called for progress in agriculture, industry, defense, and science and technology
Tiananmen Square  Square in the capital of Beijing; scene of a student demonstration and massacre
Hong Kong  Island that became part of China again in 1997

Before You Read
In the last section, you read about the collapse of communism and other changes in Central and Eastern Europe.
In this section, you will learn about the recent history of China.

As You Read
Use a diagram to list events leading up to the demonstration in Tiananmen Square.

THE LEGACY OF MAO
(Pages 1059–1060)
How did Mao change China?
Mao Zedong had tried to build a China on the ideas of equality, revolutionary spirit, and hard work. But his policies failed to create a strong economy. He reduced incentives for higher production. The Great Leap Forward helped cause an economic disaster.

During Mao’s rule, China had little role in world affairs. Zhou Enlai, another Chinese leader, worried about this. He worked with U.S. President Richard Nixon to improve U.S.–Chinese relations.

1. How successful were Mao’s economic programs?

CHINA AND THE WEST (Page 1060)
How did Deng Xiaoping change China?
After Mao and Zhou died in 1976, moderates took control of the government. The most powerful leader was Deng Xiaoping. He tried to modernize the economy. Deng had goals known as the Four Modernizations. These called for progress in agriculture, industry, defense, and science and technology. He ended farming communes and allowed farmers to sell part of their produce for a profit. Farm production increased greatly.

Deng made similar changes to industry. People’s incomes began to rise. They began to purchase appliances and other goods that were once scarce.
2. What were the results of Deng Xiaoping’s changes?

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MASSACRE IN TIANANMEN SQUARE (Pages 1061–1062)
What caused the protest at Tiananmen Square?
Deng’s new plan caused problems. The gap between rich and poor grew wider, which caused unrest. Western political ideas spread throughout the country. In 1989, thousands of Chinese students gathered in Tiananmen Square in the capital of Beijing. They called for democracy and freedom. Deng responded by sending army troops and tanks to put down the rally. Thousands were killed or wounded. China has continued to stamp out protests since then.

3. What happened to the protesters at Tiananmen Square?

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CHINA ENTERS THE NEW MILLENIUM (Pages 1062–1063)
What happened to Hong Kong?
Another major issue for China was the status of Hong Kong. The island became part of China again in 1997 when the British gave it back after 155 years of colonial rule. China promised to respect Hong Kong’s freedom for 50 years. But many worried that China would take away Hong Kong’s freedoms.

4. Why do people worry about Hong Kong’s new rule?

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CHINA BEYOND 2000 (Page 1063)
What is the connection between political and economic reform in China?
Liberal economic reforms in China did not immediately lead to political reforms. China has been successful in reducing poverty, in part because it has been cautious in privatizing the economy. China managed to maintain economic growth in the early 21st century.

As economic and social conditions in China improve, the political situation may improve as well. An important sign of China’s engagement with the world was its successful campaign to be chosen as the site for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

5. Which came first in China—political or economic reform?

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EXPLORING THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND BEYOND (Pages 1071–1072)

1. How did competition give way to cooperation in space?

   From the 1950s to the 1970s, the United States and Soviet Union took their Cold War rivalry to space. Each nation tried to be the first to reach the moon and beyond.

   In the 1970s, the two nations began to cooperate in space exploration. In 1975, United States and Soviet spacecraft docked, or joined together, in space. Later, American and Soviet space missions included scientists from other countries. In the late 1990s, the United States, Russia, and 14 other nations began working together to build the International Space Station.

   Some space missions did not include human crew members. Unmanned flights sent back pictures and information about other planets.

   In 1990, the United States and European countries sent the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit around the earth. This satellite sent back unprecedented images of objects in space.

   1. Give three examples of international cooperation in space.

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   2. How did competition give way to cooperation in space?

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EXPANDING GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS
(Pages 1072–1073)
How has technology changed communications?
Every day satellites are used to track the weather around the world. They are also used to search for minerals on the planet. Satellites allow television broadcasts to carry events live around the world.
Another advance in technology has been the computer. Computers have become more powerful since they were first invented. At the same time, they have gotten smaller in size. Consumer goods such as microwave ovens, telephones, and cars often include computer chips to keep them running.
Millions of people around the world use personal computers at work or at home. Many of these people are connected through the Internet, a worldwide computer network. The Internet allows people to get a great deal of information more quickly and easily than ever before. The Internet also allows people to communicate with one another.

2. How have computers changed everyday living?

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TRANSFORMING HUMAN LIFE
(Pages 1073–1074)
How has new technology changed medicine?
New technology has changed medicine. Lasers allow doctors to perform surgery to fix problems in delicate areas, such as in the eye or the brain. New methods for making images of the body help doctors locate problems.
Research into genes has helped unlock the secrets of some diseases. Genetic engineering enables scientists to use genes in new ways. For example, scientists can develop plants with special traits. Cloning is part of genetic engineering. It is the creation of identical copies of DNA. Cloning can be used to produce plants and animals that are identical to the existing plants and animals. The application of this new understanding of genes has led to many developments in agriculture.
Scientists have made other advances in farming. In the green revolution, scientists have developed new strains of food crops to help farmers grow more food.

3. Why is genetic engineering an important development?

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Global Economic Development

Terms and Names

- **developed nation**: Industrialized nation
- **emerging nation**: Nation that is still developing industry
- **global economy**: Economy linking the economies of many nations
- **free trade**: Absence of barriers that can block trade between countries
- **ozone layer**: Layer of atmosphere that blocks dangerous rays from the sun
- **sustainable growth**: Economic growth that meets current needs but conserves resources for the future

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about changes in science and technology.

In this section, you will read about the new global economy.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to identify the forces that have shaped the global economy.

TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTIONIZES THE WORLD’S ECONOMY

*Pages 1075–1076*

**How have the economies of the developed nations changed?**

Technology has changed the world’s economies. In the 1950s, scientists found new ways to make plastics, which came to be widely used. In recent years, industries have begun using robots to make products. These changes have required workers to have more and different skills than before.

In industrialized nations, or **developed nations**, there are more jobs in service and information industries. Manufacturing jobs began to grow more quickly in the **emerging nations** where wages are lower.

1. What types of jobs are on the increase in developed nations?

ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION

*Pages 1076–1077*

**Why is free trade important in a global economy?**

A **global economy** continued to develop in the 1980s. Telephone and computer links connect banks and other financial companies around the world. Multinational corporations operate in many countries.
After World War II, many leaders believed that world economies would grow best if there were free trade. This means there would be no barriers to block goods from one country entering another country. Many steps have been taken to put free trade in practice. In 1951, some nations in Europe joined together to create free trade. That group, now called the European Union (EU), has grown to become a powerful trading bloc.

The United States, Canada, and Mexico agreed to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994. Another free trade zone was set up in Latin America. Similar groups are being put together in Africa and Asia.

In recent years, there has been considerable disagreement on the impact of the globalization of the economy. Supporters suggest that open, competitive markets and the free flow of goods, services, technology, and investments benefit all nations. Opponents charge that globalization has been a disaster for the poorest countries. Many, they suggest, are worse off today than they were in the past.

2. Name three steps that have been taken in the direction of free trade.

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IMPACT OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT (Pages 1079–1080)

How has the development of the global economy affected the use of energy and other resources?

Economic growth needs many resources. Manufacturing and trade both use huge amounts of energy. Oil has been a major source of this energy. Whenever the flow of oil has been threatened, the world’s economies have suffered shocks.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait. This threatened the flow of Kuwaiti oil. Soon, the countries of the United Nations went to war against Iraq. This was known as the Gulf War.

Economic growth has also caused environmental problems. Burning coal and oil has polluted the air. It has also caused acid rain and contributed to global warming. The release of some chemicals into the air has weakened Earth’s ozone layer. This layer of atmosphere blocks dangerous rays from the sun.

One new idea about growth involves sustainable development. Sustainable growth requires meeting current needs while conserving future resources.

3. What environmental problems have resulted from economic growth?

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Global Security Issues

Terms and Names

**proliferation** spread

**Universal Declaration of Human Rights** 1948 United Nations statement of specific rights that all people should have

**political dissent** Difference of opinion over political issues

**gender inequality** Difference between men and women in terms of wealth and status

**AIDS** Acquired immune deficiency syndrome, a disease that attacks the immune system, leaving sufferers open to deadly infections

**refugees** People who leave their country to move to another to find safety

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about the growth of the global economy.

In this section, you will read about challenges to global security.

As You Read

Use a chart to list methods employed to increase global security.

**ISSUES OF WAR AND PEACE**

(Pages 1082–1083)

**How have nations worked together for global security?**

After World War II, nations joined together to pursue global security. The United Nations (UN) was formed at the end of World War II to promote world peace. It now has more than 180 member nations. The UN provides a place for countries—or groups within countries—to share their views.

The UN can also send troops as a peacekeeping force. These soldiers—who come from member nations—try to stop violence from breaking out.

Another approach to world peace has been to limit weapons of mass destruction. These include nuclear weapons, chemical weapons, and biological weapons. In 1968, many nations signed a Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The nations that signed the treaty agreed to prevent the proliferation, or spread, of nuclear weapons. In the 1990s, the United States and Russia agreed to destroy many of their nuclear weapons. In another treaty, many nations promised not to develop chemical or biological weapons.

Ethnic and religious differences are the sources of many world conflicts. Some of these conflicts have roots that reach back decades or even centuries. Governments and many international organizations, including the UN, are trying to find peaceful solutions to these conflicts.

1. Name two specific approaches toward collective security.
**HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES** *(Page 1084)*

**What efforts have been made to ensure human rights?**

In 1948, the UN approved the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights.** This declaration gives a list of rights that all people should have. In 1975, many nations signed the Helsinki Accords that also support human rights. Many groups around the world watch to see how well nations do in protecting these rights for their people.

Despite the efforts of human rights organizations, violations of fundamental rights continue to occur around the world. One type of violation occurs when governments try to stamp out political dissent. In many countries, individuals and groups have been persecuted for holding political views that differ from those of the government.

In the past, women suffered considerable discrimination. However, a heightened awareness of human rights encouraged women to work to improve their lives. They pushed for new laws that gave them greater equality. Since the 1970s, women have made notable gains, especially in the areas of education and work. Even so, gender inequality still is an issue.

2. Name two events that have been important in the worldwide struggle for human rights.

**HEALTH ISSUES** *(Page 1085)*

**What is the greatest challenge to global health?**

Recently, the enjoyment of a decent standard of health has become recognized as a basic human right. However, for many people across the world, poor health is still the norm. Perhaps the greatest global challenge to the attainment of good health is AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome. AIDS is a worldwide problem. However, Sub-Saharan Africa has suffered most from the epidemic. The disease has had devastating impact on the populations and economies of many countries in this region.

3. Which area of the world has been hardest hit by the AIDS epidemic?

**POPULATION MOVEMENT** *(Page 1086)*

**What are some of the causes of the global movement of people?**

In recent years, millions of people have moved from one country to another. Some people are refugees, who leave to escape natural disasters or harsh treatment at home. Others leave for more positive reasons—the chance of a better life for themselves and their children.

While people have a right to leave, every country does not have to accept them. Sometimes these people have to live in crowded refugee camps. They suffer hunger and disease. They can also cause political problems for the country where they are held. However, immigrants also can bring many benefits to their new home.

4. What problems can result from the global movement of people?
Terrorism

Case Study: September 11, 2001

WHAT IS TERRORISM?

What motivates terrorists and what methods do they use?

Terrorism is the use of violence against people or property to force changes in societies or governments. The reasons for modern terrorism are many. Reasons include gaining independence, getting rid of foreigners, and changing society. In the late 20th century, another type of terrorist appeared. These terrorists wanted to destroy what they believed were the forces of evil.

Terrorists use violence to try to achieve their goals. Terrorists often use bombs and bullets. Some terrorist groups have used biological and chemical weapons. Attacks on information systems such as computer networks are called cyberterrorism.

These attacks are done for political reasons.

1. What types of weapons do terrorists use?

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

How has terrorism affected the world?

In the Middle East, Palestinians and Israelis have argued for decades about land ownership. This argument has resulted in many terrorist acts. Often a Palestinian group does an act of terrorism. In response, the Israelis strike back. In Northern Ireland, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) carried out terrorist acts for many years. The IRA wanted the British to give up control over Northern Ireland.
Many terrorist groups, such as Aum Shinrikyo, are found in East Asia. In Africa, civil unrest and regional wars cause most terrorist acts. Narcoterrorism often happens in Latin America. Narcoterrorism is terrorism connected with the trade of illegal drugs.

2. What has caused most of the terrorist activity in Africa?

**ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES**
(Pages 1090–1091)

*How has terrorism affected the United States?*

On the morning of September 11, 2001, 19 Arab terrorists hijacked four airliners. The hijackers crashed two of the jets into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The third jet destroyed part of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The fourth plane crashed in an empty field in Pennsylvania.

As a result of the attacks, the twin towers fell to the ground within two hours. About 3,000 people died in all the attacks. The dead included more than 340 New York City firefighters and 60 police officers.

Before September 11, many Americans thought that terrorism was something that happened in other countries. After September 11, many Americans became afraid that terrorist attacks could happen to them.

A few days after September 11, letters containing the disease anthrax were mailed. The letters were sent to people in the news media and to members of Congress. Five people died from inhaling the anthrax in these letters. Officials did not find a link between the anthrax letters and the September 11 attacks.

3. How did the September 11 attacks affect the way Americans looked at life?

**THE UNITED STATES RESPONDS**
(Pages 1091–1092)

*How has the United States fought back against terrorism?*

After September 11, the United States asked for an international effort to fight terrorism. U.S. officials suspected that Osama bin Laden directed the September 11 attacks. Bin Laden was the leader of a terrorist group called al-Qaeda.

The U.S. government created the Department of Homeland Security in 2002. Its job was to organize the fight against terrorism in the United States. U.S. officials began to search for al-Qaeda terrorists in the United States. In addition, U.S. officials arrested and questioned many Arabs and other Muslims. Critics said that arresting people because of nationality or religion was unfair. They said that some of the arrested people probably did not commit a crime.

The USA Patriot Act became law. This law allowed the government several powers to help capture terrorists.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ordered airlines to put bars on cockpit doors. These bars would help stop hijackers from getting control of planes. National Guard troops began to guard airports. Trained security officers called sky marshals were put on planes. The Aviation and Transportation Security Act was passed. It put the federal government in charge of airport security.

4. How was aviation security increased?
Cultures Blend in a Global Age

Terms and Names

**popular culture** Cultural elements—such as sports, music, movies, and clothing—that reflect a group’s common background

**materialism** Placing high value on owning things

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about terrorism. In this section, you will learn about the global blending of cultures.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to identify areas of popular culture that have become international in scope.

**CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACCELERATES** (Pages 1093–1094)

*What has speeded up the sharing of cultures?*

Changes in technology have made it possible for people to share their cultures with one another. Television is one of the main forces in this trend. It allows people to see things that happen around the world. Movies and radio also have had an impact in bringing the world’s people together.

As a result of these mass media, the world’s popular culture now includes elements from many different cultures. **Popular culture** includes music, sports, clothing styles, food, and hobbies. American television shows have become popular around the world. Broadcasts of some sporting events can reach millions of people in all corners of the globe. Music has also become international.

1. Name three aspects of culture that have become international.

**WORLD CULTURE BLENDS MANY INFLUENCES** (Pages 1095–1096)

*What countries have most influenced cultural blending?*

Cultural blending occurs when parts of different cultures are combined. In recent times, the United States and Europe have been a major force in this blending. One reason is that Western nations dominate the mass media.

The political power of the West has also spread Western culture to other regions. For example, English is a major world language. About 500 million people speak English as their first or second language. More people speak Mandarin Chinese. But English speakers are more widely spread throughout the world. Western clothes can be seen throughout the world.

Western ideas have also influenced world thought. The Western idea of **materialism**—placing high value on owning things—has also spread. Some ideas have also traveled from East to West. The worlds of art and literature have become more international in recent years.
2. What Western aspects of culture have spread throughout the world?

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FUTURE CHALLENGES AND HOPES (Pages 1096–1097)

*How has the world responded to cultural blending?*

Some people think the spread of international culture is a problem. They worry that their own culture will be swallowed up by other cultures. Some countries have adopted policies that reserve television broadcast time for national programming. In other countries, television programmers take Western programs and rework them according to their own culture. In some areas, people have returned to old traditions in order to keep them alive.

The people of the world are becoming more and more dependent on each another. All through human history, people have faced challenges to their survival. In the 21st century, those challenges will be faced by people who are in increasing contact with one another. They have a great stake in living together in harmony.

3. What problems or challenges can cultural blending bring?

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