An Outline of Western European History
World Geography
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1. Rise of the Roman Empire

- A.D. 14 all of S. Europe and W. Europe (France, Germany, most of Britain)
- conquer and absorb people and territories (Latin, beliefs, technologies)
  - **aqueducts**, road systems, architecture
- trade networks
- military technologies
- government systems
- art, philosophies, ways of life
2. Fall of Rome and Rise of Christianity

-Why?
- enemies of the empire (Huns, Gauls, Celts, Visigoths, Frani)
- political corruption (broken system, lack of representation)
- debt (too many wars)
- rise of new beliefs and philosophies challenging the old
  (polytheistic to monotheistic)

Christianity (Emperor Constantine converts)
As the Roman Empire fell (476 A.D.), Christianity fill the void
- political, economic, education
3. The Middle Ages (between ancient and modern times)

Rise of **Feudalism**

Why?
- Fear (invaders)
- Lack of strong governments
- Protection

"A binding agreement"
4. Worlds Collide: East and West

Crusades: Take control of the holy sites of Christianity (Jerusalem)

- **Pope Urban II** (safe route for Pilgrims, retake Jerusalem)
- many attempts...mostly failed, considerably bloody
- opened trade, shared culture, secured power of Church, new ideas

God Wills it!
5. Later Middle Ages

- Struggle between nations/kingdoms

**Hundred Years War** (England and France)

"Henry the V, Joan of Arc, The Black Prince"

- Developed working class: **Guilds**

"Apprenticeships"

- Black Death

"Bubonic Plague"

1347 A.D.

1/2 of Europe’s Population
6. Power of the Catholic Church

- Wealthy (too wealthy???)
- Land
- Social and political control...Decisions made by Vatican
  "excommunication"...the threat of being on the outside
  "buying the stairway to heaven"
- Control of salvation
- Pardons, Indulgences (bribes??)

7. Protestant Reformation

- Martin Luther- German Priest (highlighted what he believed were corrupt practices in Catholic Church
- 95 Theses (his writings)
- Considered heresy...expelled
- Followers became Lutherans
8. Enlightenment (Renaissance: Rebirth)

- Weakened Kings
- Weakened Pope and Catholic Church

- Strengthened Government (Parliament: both house of lords and commons)
- Strengthened Science, Reason, Theory, Discovery, art, philosophy
  - Gutenberg Press (Distribution of books, the Bible, translations)
  - Copernicus, Galileo, Newton (science)
- Thomas Hobbes, John Locke (Philosophy....ideas about rights, contract between government and people)
- Leonardo Da vinci, Michelangelo, Titian, Botticelli (artists)
9. Reform and Revolution

French Revolution - peasant and middle class revolt against nobility (1789)
- "Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen" written by
- "Storming the Bastille" - prison and armory taken by French people
- Reign of Terror - The Guillotine - violence out of control

10. Rise of Napoleon

- offered a way out of violence, chaos (1799)
- great army, declares himself emperor
- Great campaigns across Europe
- Eventually defeated at Waterloo (1814)
10. Industrial Revolution and Colonialism

- 1800s change from agricultural to industrial societies (fueled by advances in science)
- raw materials from colonies (Africa, South America, Asia, Oceania, North America)
- factories fueled by coal…steam power….steel production (greater speed, less cost)
- manufacturing goods for export….jobs…urbanization/cities…development of nations
11. Change and Conflict: World War One

Causes: (1913-1918)
- alliances between nations (dragged entire region into broader conflict)
- hyper-nationalism...over-patriotism...“following the bugles and drums”
- competition over land and resources (industrial revolution)
12. From the Ashes: Rise of Hitler

Causes of Nazism: Ingredients
- terrible economic conditions (Depression 1920s)
- Harsh Treaty penalizing Germany after WW1 (Treaty of Versailles)
- Lack of Political Leadership, order....chaotic
- Prejudice, blame for problems, looking for strength
13. World War Two and the Holocaust

Hitler's Plan
- Carve out "living space" for the Aryan Race
- Crush socialism and Jews (blamed for loss of WW1)
- Create a great Empire: The Third Reich
- Revenge for the Treaty of Versailles
- **Final Solution** (Extermination)
14. Out of the Ashes Part Two: Cold War

Communism vs. Democracy
-West vs. East.....NATO vs. Warsaw Pact
-Berlin Wall...Berlin Airlift
-USA and RUSSIA interested in the future of Europe
-Stockpile nuclear weapons...40 year "Cold" War