

**AP World History**  
**“Must Know” Vocabulary Terms by Period/ Era**

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**8,000 B.C.E. – 600 B.C.E.**

Agricultural Rev./transition or Neolithic Rev.	Ice Age
aristocracy	intensive cultivation
barbarian	irrigation systems
<i>brahmins</i>	<i>karma</i>
bureaucracy	Mandate of Heaven
cities (vs. villages)	monogamy
civilizations/advanced societies	pagan
complex institutions	pastoral/ pastoralism
currency	patriarchy/patriarchal systems
deity	polygamy
democracy	record keeping
<i>dharma</i>	secular
diffusion	sericulture
diversified food supply	settled populations
domesticated animals (horses, pigs, cattle)	slavery
dynastic cycle	specialization of labor
egalitarian	surplus
ethical/ legal codes	syncretism
frontier	textiles
hunters and gatherers/foraging/nomadic	theocracy

**600 B.C.E. – 600 CE**

Ancestor veneration	Monarchy
Animism	Monastery/monastic life/monasticism
<i>Bodhisattva</i>	Monsoon winds
caste system	<i>Rajas</i>
City-state	Reincarnation
Classical	Rents
Codification	Republic
<i>Dao/tao</i>	Rituals
Diaspora/diasporic communities	Sanskrit scriptures
Enlightenment	Scriptures
Filial piety	Shamanism
Hellenistic	Sinicization
Manifestations	Social harmony
Merchants	Universal truths (dealing with belief systems)
Missionaries	

## 600-1450 CE

Black Death	Khan/ Khanates
<i>Bushido</i>	<i>Kow tow</i>
Caliphate	Little Ice Age
<i>Chinampa</i>	Manorialism
Chivalry	<i>Mit'a</i>
Christendom	Neoconfucianism
Civil service exam system/examination system	Nobility/daimyo/zamindars
Crusades/ Crusading movement	Papacy
Dar al-Islam	<i>Quipu</i>
Diffusion of scientific and tech. traditions (printing and gunpowder, spread of cotton, sugar & citrus, turn of Greek science/philosophy to W Europe via Muslim al-Andalus in Iberia)	<i>Samurai</i> /Salaried samurai
Entrepôt	Serfs/Serfdom
Feudalism/ decentralized government	<i>Sharia</i>
Fiefs	<i>Shia/Shiite</i>
Gentry	Southernization (Lynda Shaffer)
Grand Canal in China.	<i>Sufi</i>
Great Warming Period (800-1300)	Sultan
<i>Griots</i>	<i>Sunni</i>
Guilds	Swahili
<i>Hajj</i>	Tax farming
Hanseatic League	Terraces
	Synthesized
	Tribute collection/Tributary systems
	<i>Ulama</i>

## 1450-1750 CE

Absolutism	<i>Encomienda</i>
Astrolabe	Enlightenment
Atlantic slave trade	<i>Hacienda</i>
Balance of power	<i>harem</i>
Biological diffusion	Indentured servitude
<i>Boyars</i>	Janissaries
codices	Joint-stock companies
colonies/colonization/colonial administrations	Literacy
Columbian Exchange	Local resistance (e.g. Food riots/Samurai revolts/ Peasant uprisings)
Conduits	Manila galleons
<i>Conquistadores</i>	Maroon
<i>Creoles/Criollos</i>	Mercantile practices/Mercantilism
Debt Peonage	<i>Mestizo</i>
<i>Devshirme</i>	<i>Mulattoes</i>
Dhimmi	Middle Passage
Divine right	

<i>Peninsulares</i>	Social contract
Plantations/plantation systems	Syncretism
Predominance	Triangular trade
Reformation/Protestantism	Viceroy
<i>Repatriamiento</i>	Vodun (voodoo)
Royal chartered monopoly companies	Westernization/modernization
Scientific Revolution	Zen
Sikhism	

## 1750 CE – 1914/1900 CE

Abolition	Liberal/Liberalism/classical liberalism
Alternative visions of society (Utopian socialism, Marxism, Anarchism)	Marxism
<i>American Declaration of Independence</i>	Migrant support networks
Anticolonial movements (The Indian Revolt of 1857, The Boxer Rebellion)	<b>Millenarianism</b> (e.g. The Taiping Rebellion, The Ghost Dance, The Xhosa Cattle- Killing Mvmt)
Anti-imperial resistance	Neocolonialism
Bolivar’s <i>Jamaica Letter</i>	Pre-industrial
Bourgeoisie	Proletariat
Capitalism/global capitalism	Racism
Capitulations/extraterritoriality	<b>Raw materials</b> production & export of single natural resources (Cotton, Rubber, Palm oil, Sugar, Wheat, Meat, Guano, Metals & minerals)
<i>Caudillos</i>	Rebellion/revolt
Chinese Exclusion Acts	Reforms (State pensions, public health, suffrage, Public education)
Class Struggle	Reforms in imperial policies (The Tanzimat movement, The Self-Strengthening Movement)
Conservative (not current US definition)	Revolutions
Consumer markets	Self- Strengthening Movement (China)
Constitution	Settler colonies
Economic imperialism	Slave resistance (Maroon societies)
Emancipation of serfs/slaves	Social Darwinism
<i>Enclaves</i>	Socialism
Exploitation	Spheres of influence
Factory system	Suez Canal
Financial instruments (Stock markets, Insurance, Gold standard, Limited liability corporations)	Suffrage
Finished goods	Temporary and seasonal migrants
French Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen	Transnational businesses (large-scale - United Fruit Company, HSBC — Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, zaibatsu)
Hegemony	Transnational ideologies and solidarities
Home society	Transoceanic imperialism
Ideologies	White Australia Policy
Imperialism/colonialism	Zionism
Independence	
Industrial Revolution/Industrialization	
Industrialized states	
<i>Intelligentsia</i>	
Laissez-faire	

## 1900 - Present

Anti-imperialism	Gov't intervention in the economy (New Deal, Fascist corporatist economy, economic development, export-oriented economies)	(IMF), World Bank, World Trade Organization (WTO))
Anti-Semitism	Great Depression	New forms of spirituality (Hare Krishna, Falun Gong)
Apartheid	Green/environmental movements (e.g. Greenpeace, Green Belt in Kenya, Earth Day)	<b>Nonviolence</b> (Non-Aligned & Anti-Apartheid Mvmnts)
Appeasement	Green Revolution	nuclear weaponry
Application of religion to political issues (Fundamentalist movements, Liberation Theology)	Greenhouse gases	OPEC
Authoritarianism/Authoritarian regimes	Holocaust	Pacific Rim
Bedouin	Home countries	<i>Perestroika</i>
Biafra secessionist movement	<b>Human rights</b> (e.g. U.N. Univ. Decl. of Human Rights, Women's rights, end of the White Australia Policy)	Popular culture (Dada, Socialist Realism)
Chemically & genetically enhanced forms of agriculture	Imperial metropolises	Population resettlements/partition
Cold War	Indian National Congress	Propaganda
Collectivization	intensified conflict (military dictatorship, New World Order, “military-industrial complex,” arms trading)	proxy wars
Communism (Five-Year Plans, Great Leap Forward)	League of Nations	Québécois separatist movement
Consumerism	Mandates	Redistribute land and resources
Containment	Medical innovations (polio vaccine, antibiotics, artificial heart)	Refugee populations/displacement of peoples
Cultural convergence	Militarized states	Regional trade agreements or blocs (e.g. European Union, NAFTA, ASEAN)
Cultural Identities (Pan-Africanism, Pan-Arabism, pan-Slavism, Negritude)	Mobilization of a state's resources (Gurkha, ANZAC, Military conscription)	Religious fundamentalism
Decolonization	Movements who challenged the war (anti-nuclear movement, self-immolation)	Scientific paradigms (theory of relativity, Quantum mechanics, Big Bang theory, Psychology)
Deforestation	<i>Mujahideen/Taliban</i>	Segregation
Desertification	Multinational/Trans-national corporations (e.g. Royal Dutch Shell, Coca-Cola, Sony)	Self-determination
Dissolution	NATO	soviets
<b>Domestic</b> (not having to do with the private home!)	New economic institutions (International Monetary Fund	superpowers
Draft		tactics (trench warfare, firebombing)
Economic liberalization		Technological stagnation
Exclusionary reactions (Xenophobia, Race riots, Citizenship restrictions)		Terrorism
Fascism		Third World/developing world
feminism		“total wars”/World Wars
Five-Year Plans		Totalitarianism
Free market economics/policies		United Nations
Free Trade		Warsaw Pact
Genocide		Women's emancipation/suffrage
<i>Glasnost</i>		
Global warming		