

ERAS OF WORLD HISTORY II

Early Modern Era – Beginning of Global Era 1450-1750

- Emergence of Global Economy
- Colombian Exchange
- Large Territorial “Gunpowder” Empires - Ottoman, Safavid, Mughal
- Emergence of European maritime dominance and European empires
- Transoceanic linking of the world’s continents
- International conflict with countries struggling for power and influence
- Waves of migration, voluntary and involuntary, on a massive scale

Era of European Moment in World History 1750-1914

- Age of Revolutions – political, industrial, intellectual
- Resistance and turmoil as a result of revolutions
- Rise of nationalism, socialism, communism, and colonialism
- Resistance to colonialism

Most Recent Century 1914-2008

- Collapse and Recovery of Europe
- World Wars I and II and Cold War
- Evolution of Weaponry, including air power, intercontinental missiles bombers, WMD, chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons
- Evolution of Human Rights, women’s liberation, civil rights, anti-apartheid
- Scaffolding for international cooperation – League of Nations, United Nations, International Criminal Court, international trade organizations, international science cooperation, international environmental organizations, postal services, international weather services, disaster relief
- Environmental degradation, threats to biodiversity, and efforts to reverse these trends
- Ever-increasing global interdependence reflected in personal, local, regional, national and international encounters
- Instability in the Middle East
- Re-emergence of China and India as powerful civilizations
- Mass culture, internet, and travel