

# World History B

## Paragraph Questions

### World History: Modern Times 2006

*In addition to completing textbook assignments and class projects, you must answer one question from each chapter listed below. You may choose which questions you wish to answer, but you may not select more than 1 paragraph from any chapter. Each answer must be written in at least 5 complete sentences.*

#### Chapter 10

- Explain the impact of the Balfour Declaration on the Middle East.
- Explain the Purpose of Chiang Kai-Shek's "New Life Movement."

#### Chapter 11

- Describe the impact of the Munich Conference on Hitler's invasion plans.
- Explain the purpose of the Nazi Einsatzgruppen.

#### Chapter 12

- What causes the "Cold War" between the United States and the Soviet Union, and what events led to ongoing tension between these nations during that period?
- Which nations prospered in the decades after World War II, and which fell into decline? What types of policies led these nations to success or failure?

#### Chapter 13

- Describe the policies of "Thatcherism" and explain why Margaret Thatcher ultimately fell from power.
- What factors led to the rise of neo-Nazi groups in Germany in the 1990s?

#### Chapter 14

- What factors led to the PRI's loss of political power in Mexico?
- What types of policies have characterized the rule of Latin American military governments since 1945? Discuss at least three specific examples.

#### Chapter 15

- What problems were created when the nation of Israel was formed? Give specific examples.
- How has the tension between Traditional lifestyles and western influences impacted African and Middle Eastern cultures? Give specific examples.

#### Chapter 16

- Over the years, China Communist government has changed its political policies in a variety of ways. Give examples of these changes and explain why they were made.
- What factors and events have led to poverty and political instability in India and Pakistan World War II?

#### Chapter 17

- What new global environmental challenges have arisen in the last century? Give specific examples.
- What types of international efforts have been made since World War II to address the new global economic and social challenges? Give specific examples.

### Sample Answers to Paragraph Questions

Below are additional essay questions and samples on how they can be answered. Use these samples as a guide when writing your answers.

#### Chapter 2

- What contributions to government and law were made by Greece and Rome?:

The Greeks developed democracy, "rule of the many." In 508 B.C. Cleisthenes gained power and gave the Athenian assembly final authority to pass laws. Later, Pericles expanded citizens' participation in government by creating a direct democracy where every male citizen voted on all major issues.

Rome established a republican government, and allowed some citizens the right to vote in the Senate and other assemblies. The Roman Republic also devised the Law of Nations, with standards of justice that applied to all people. Principles such as the right of the accused to defense, that one is innocent until proven guilty, and that a judge should weigh evidence carefully continue to be standards of justice today.

#### Chapter 15

- Describe the impact of the Open Door policy on China:

The Open Door policy reflected the American concern for the survival of China. It also reflected the interests of some American trading companies. These companies wanted to operate in open markets and disliked the existing division of China into separate spheres of influence dominated by individual states.

The Open Door policy did not end the system of spheres of influence, but it did reduce restrictions on foreign imports imposed by the dominating power within each sphere. The Open Door policy also helped to reduce imperialist hysteria over access to the China market, lessening fears in Britain, France, Germany, and Russia that other powers would take advantage of China's weakness and attempt to dominate the China market for themselves.