

European History

The good, the bad, the ugly

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The Western Civilization

- Europe was once "The Middle Ages" or also known as "The Medieval Period"
- Spanned from 476 CE to the 14th century
- The fall of Rome started The Middle Ages
- There wasn't a government, the Catholic Church united the people of Europe
- Europe was a feudal society





The Renaissance

- Spanned from the 14th century to the 17th century
- The Black Death plagued Europe in 1347, killing most of Europe
- A time for rebirth of Europe following the Middle Ages
- In 1454, the Gutenberg Bible was written by Johannes Gutenberg
- A higher education was formed and spread throughout Europe



Colonialism

- Defined as the exploration of other territories to gain land and resources
- Started in Europe during the Age Of Discovery in 1476
- Led by Portugal and Spain
- Christopher Columbus began conquering oversees in 1492
- England, France, Germany, and the Netherlands began more established



Imperialism

- Imperialism is when a powerful territory conquers a weaker area for personal gain
- Colonialism paved the way for Imperialism
- Age Of New Imperialism started in Europe in late 1800s
- Europe expanded its territories to Africa and The Americas
- Gained many resources, land, new trade routes, and technology



Nationalism

- A way of thinking that only benefits one's nation without caring for other nations
- Began in Europe with the French Revolution in 1789
- The revolution made it so the citizens of France can have freedom
- France citizens overthrow the monarch and ended Feudalism
- They finally took pride in their own nation

World War I

- Began in 1914 between Austria-Hungary and Serbia
- Russia, France, Japan and Belgium go to war with Germany, Austria, and Montenegro
- Multiple battles occurred and thousands of lives were lost
- Later on, more countries joined the battle
- It ended in 1918



World War 2

- Started in 1939
- Adolf Hitler led the Holocaust in 1933
- Germany invaded Poland, which started the war
- Many nations joined this war, even bigger than the first World War
- War ended 1945, afterwards the United Nations was created

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