

**PERIODIZATION VI – 1900 to the Present – Major Trends to Consider**

**1. Women's Rights – West vs. Eastern and Middle Eastern cultures**

- Impact of industrialization/modernization vs. tradition
- Continuation of gains from the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Impact of the World Wars
- Feminist movements of the 1950's – 1960's

**2. World War I**

- How different from previous wars?
- Impact of industrialization?
- Result of ethnic conflict?
- Effects on Europe and the world?
- Concept of self-determination – how was it applied after the war / how was it not?
- Results for the great empires?
- Attempts at international cooperation – League of Nations vs. United Nations

**3. Ideological developments: Communism vs. Fascism**

**4. Communist Revolutions: Russia, China, Cuba**

- What are similarities?
- Contradictions to Marxist theory?

**5. World War II**

- Causes – role of the Great Depression
- How a result of World War I?

**6. Human Rights**

- Holocaust
- ethnic cleansing/ethnic conflict/genocide
- Major events: Armenia, Ukrainian kulaks, Cambodia (Kmer Rouge), Rwanda, Yugoslavia, Darfur, Apartheid
- Women in the Middle East (Afghanistan, Pakistan)?
- China's "one child policy"?

**7. Cold War**

- Major conflicts = "brinkmanship" and "surrogate wars" = Berlin Blockade/Conflict, Cuban Missile Crisis, Korean War, Vietnam War
- Communism (USSR) vs. democracy/capitalism (USA)
- Iron Curtain – Western /Eastern Europe

**8. De- Colonization**

- Anti-colonialism / Independence Movements

- Post World War II era (1950's – 1970's)
- Common features of independence/nationalist leaders
- Methods – non-violence = think Gandhi (also Nkrumah) vs. “contested settler colonies” = Kenya Jomo Kenyatta/Mau Mau uprisings) vs. violent = Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh against the French)
- India = partition (India and Pakistan)

## 9. Nuclear Proliferation

- Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
- Current concerns over nuclear development – North Korea, Iran

## 10. Collapse of Communism

- Eastern Europe/Soviet Union (1980's-1990's)
- Major reasons for?
- Democratization
- Impact? Fragmentation/self determination/ethnicity
- How does China not fit the trend? What does Tiananmen Square (June 1989) represent?

## 11. Middle East

- Arab-Israeli Crisis
- Israeli created – May 1948 – why? – culmination of Zionist aspirations
  - Iranian Revolution – what does this represent?
  - Islamic Fundamentalism
  - Arab Spring – the “twitter revolutions”
  - Petroleum – formation of OPEC

## 12. Globalization / Global Issues

- World trade – NAFTA, European Union (EU), G8
- “McDonaldization” of the world
- BRIC Nations
- Diffusion/impact of technology = “world is getting smaller”
- Role of the United Nations
- Non-Governmental Agencies (NGO's) – examples? Role?
- Environmental Issues – “Global warming”
- International terrorism