

History 324: Modern Europe
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Final Examination

Comprehensive Essay. Please Respond to one question from each of the following three sections.

Section 1: Respond to one of the following questions:

1. Describe the ethnic composition and political situation in the Austrian Empire at the time of the Revolutions of 1848. Discuss the goals and objectives of the revolutionaries and evaluate their successes and their failures.
2. Some historians characterize the unification of Germany as the most important event of the second half of the nineteenth century. Describe the process of the unification of Germany and discuss the impact a unified Germany had on European diplomacy before the First World War.

Section 2: Respond to one of the following questions:

1. Describe the factors that contributed to the outbreak of the First World War in 1914. In retrospect, how realistic were the expectations of the European powers and how successful were they in accomplishing their objectives?
2. What were the principle objectives of the Allied powers at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919? What were the major provisions of the Treaty of Versailles, and what was the likelihood that it would preserve peace in the long run?

Section 3: Respond to one of the following questions:

1. Define the terms "bipolarity" and "Cold War." Describe the realignment of the European powers in the decades following the Second World War. Be sure to include in your response a discussion of the major events of the Cold War and the factors that resulted in its demise.
2. Discuss the political changes in South Africa in the period following the Second World War. Be sure to include in your response a discussion of the policy of *apartheid*. Compare and contrast the experiences of black Africans in South Africa and Americans of African descent in the United States.
3. Discuss the forces that contributed to the demise of the European overseas empires, and describe the consequences that years of colonialism had for the new successor states of Asia. Be sure to discuss the political events of the Indian sub-continent.

CLOSED BOOK, CLOSED NOTES

Exception: Each Student is Permitted to use one 2" x 4" Notecard
(both sides) with *handwritten* notes