

History 12 Internet Research Critical Questions

General Resources

<http://www.openschool.bc.ca/courses/history12>

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/modernworldhistory.htm>

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html>

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/>

eg. 1999 - The 20th century

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/presidents>

World War I

Search Terms: Treaty of Versailles "Big Three"

1. What did each of the "Big Three" at the Paris Peace Conference want to achieve and how did the Treaty of Versailles reflect their goals.
2. Was the Treaty of Versailles fair ?
3. How did World War I and the ensuing peace treaties change the world ?

Websites:

<http://www.colby.edu/personal/rmscheck/GermanyD1.html>

<http://www.rpfuller.com/gcse/history/2.html>

http://www.schoolshistory.org.uk/ASLevel_History/week4_versailles.htm

<http://www.thecorner.org/wwi/wwi.htm>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/special_report/1998/10/98/world_war_i/197437.stm
199768.stm

www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/WWtrenchsystem.htm

www.pbs.org/greatwar/

<http://www.worldwar1.com>

<http://www.greatwar.org/>

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/wwi/1918/14points.html>

<http://library.hilton.kzn.school.za/History/ww1.htm>

Russian Revolution

1. What problems existed in Russia and what mistakes did the leadership make that caused the overthrow of the Tsar.
2. Why were the Communists able to take over from the "democracy" in Russia from 1919-1923 (flaws in the Provisional Government, Lenin's promises and consolidation of power) ?
3. What did the USSR achieve under Stalin and was the price "paid" reasonable ?

Websites:

<http://www.historyguide.org/europe/lecture5.html>

& Lecture 6

<http://www.ibiblio.org/expo/soviet.exhibit/intro1.html>

<http://www.thecorner.org/hists/total/s-russia.htm>

US Boom and Depression

1. What caused the economic boom in the US in 1920's and why did some people remain poor ?
2. What caused the Depression and what were the signs of looming disaster that most people "missed" ?
3. What did the New Deal achieve ?

Websites:

www.angelfire.com/co/pscst/tech.html

<http://us.history.wisc.edu/hist102/lectures/lecture15.html>

<http://eduscapes.com/42explore/depresn.htm>

http://ca.dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/U_S_History/By_Time_Period/20th_Century/Great_Depression/

Inter-War Years

1. Why did so many countries become dictatorships between the World Wars ?
2. Why and how did the League of Nations fail ?
3. What allowed Fascism to rise to power in Italy and why did the people support it for more than 20 years ?
4. What lessons should the world have learned from the Spanish Civil War ?

Websites:

<http://www.planetpapers.com/Assets/1677.php>
<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/leagueofnations.htm>
<http://www.thecorner.org/hists/total/f-italy.htm>
<http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/scw/overview.htm>

Germany

1. Why did democracy, the Weimar Republic, fail in Germany (internal and external problems) ?
2. How did Hitler manage to gain power ?
3. What did Germany achieve under Hitler and was the price "paid" reasonable ?

Websites:

<http://www.barnsdle.demon.co.uk/hist/weilin.html>
<http://www.historyplace.com/>
<http://www.thecorner.org/hists/total/n-german.htm#germany-1914>
<http://www.colby.edu/personal/r/rmscheck/Contents.html>

World War II

1. What was appeasement (definition, causes and events) and why wasn't it successful ?
2. Why did small Japan attack big U.S. and how successful were they ?
3. Why were each of these key battles ?
 - Battle of Britain
 - Battle of the Atlantic
 - Pearl Harbour
 - Midway
 - Stalingrad
 - El Alamein
4. What is a total war ?
5. Did the atomic bombs need to be dropped ?
6. Why did the Holocaust occur; why wasn't it prevented ?

Websites:

<http://eduscapes.com/42explore/worldwar2.htm>
<http://www.trumanlibrary.org/teacher/abomb.htm#links>
<http://www.historyplace.com/>
<http://www.history.rochester.edu/mtv/overview.htm>
<http://www.dannen.com/decision/index.html>
<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/>

2000- Memories of World War II

UN

1. Is the UN an effective organization ?
2. How has peacekeeping changed for the UN ?

Websites:

<http://www.un.org/english/>
www.unsystem.org

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/bnote.htm>

<http://www.unhcr.ch/cgi-bin/taxis/vtx/home>

India

1. How did the Indians convince the British to give them independence ?
2. Why was the Indian subcontinent divided and what was the "cost" ?

Websites:

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/>

1997 - India-Pakistan independence

<http://www.india.com.ar/india207.html>

China

1. Why and how did the Communists take over China ?
2. Was Mao good for China ?
3. What did China achieve under Deng and was the price "paid" reasonable (economics and politics) ?
4. Why did China have conflict with both the US and USSR ?

Websites:

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/ccp80/>

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/1999>

- Visions of China

Middle East

1. How fair were the events from 1916-47 that led the creation of Israel ?
2. What has been the outcome of the wars and violence that Israel has been involved with since 1948 and why has peace been so difficult to attain ?
3. Why did Iraq invade Kuwait and why didn't the US remove Hussein when they "liberated" Kuwait ?

Websites:

http://www.merip.org/palestine-israel_primer/toc-pal-isr-primer.html

www.xcursioncentral.com/xcursions/dynamic/home.cfm?id=883

<http://www.megastories.com/mideast/wars/wars.htm>

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/mideast/mideast.htm#1910>

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/>

1998 - Israel at 50,

2001- The unfinished war: A decade since Desert Storm

http://www.umich.edu/~iinet/worldreach/assets/docs/israeli-palestinian_conflict/index.html

Cold War

1. How successful a strategy was containment ?
2. What caused the conflict in each of these events, how was escalation stopped and how has each changed the world?
 - Division of Germany
 - Berlin Airlift
 - Marshall Plan
 - Korean War
 - Suez Canal Crisis
 - Hungarian Revolution
 - U2
 - Cuban Missile Crisis
3. Why did the US get involved in Vietnam and why did they lose ?
4. Why did the USSR get involved in Afghanistan and why did they lose ?

Websites:

www.coldwar.org

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cold.war/>

(1999- NATO at 50)

<http://library.thinkquest.org/11046>

<http://library.thinkquest.org/22059>

<http://trackstar.hprtec.org> #54189

www.xcursioncentral.com/xcursions/dynamic/home.cfm?id=1753

1631

1340

<http://eduscapes.com/42explore/vietnam.htm>

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/coldwar.htm>

<http://www.historyplace.com>

European Union

1. What were the major steps in the unification of Europe and how they have benefitted ?

Websites:

<http://www.thecorner.org/hists/europe/econ-coop.htm>

Demise of USSR

1. What caused the end of the USSR ?
2. Why was the Berlin Wall built and why was its destruction significant ?

Websites:

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/russia>

South Africa

1. What was apartheid, how was it justified by the South African government and what impact did it have on the non-white population ?
2. What caused the end of apartheid ?

Websites:

Civil Rights Movement

1. What steps were necessary in the 160's in the US to end segregation ?

Websites:

www.xcursioncentral.com/xcursions/dynamic/home.cfm?id=137

<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/> 1998 - Martin Luther King Jr.

Women's Rights

Websites: