

5 Reaction and the attempt to restore order – Part 2

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English

Write it 3 times (English)

stability

Conservatism

Recall

- You know an agreement between powers can hold for decades.
- You have seen a settlement that ignored the people it governed.
- You know a suppressed idea does not disappear.

New ideas

Read these first. Each idea has a short worked example. Then do the Practice below.

■ 1 The Congress settlement

After the revolutionary wars the powers met to contain the danger of upheaval by agreement among themselves. The settlement's aim was **stability**, not representation.

Worked example. Redrawing borders to balance the powers can place a people under a state they did not choose.

■ 2 Conservatism as an argument

Conservatism argued that institutions grown over time carry knowledge no designer possesses. It was a reply to the Enlightenment, not merely a defence of privilege.

Worked example. The claim that a tradition may be wiser than a plan is an argument, and it must be answered as one.

■ 3 What survived suppression

Nationalism and liberalism were contained rather than eliminated. Both return in unit 6 as forces the settlement could not accommodate.

Worked example. An idea that cannot be expressed politically reappears as a movement.

Watch out: The Congress settlement was not simply a failure. It prevented a general European war for decades, and it did so by ignoring national claims - both facts belong in an answer.

Practice

2.1 State the aim of the post-revolutionary settlement. [2]

2.2 Explain how balancing the powers could disregard populations. [2]

2.3 State conservatism's argument. [2]

2.4 Explain why conservatism is more than a defence of privilege. [2]

2.5 State the two things an answer about the settlement must carry. [2]
