World history topics

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Word	Example
world history topic	Each **world history topic** compares events in different regions.
argument /ˈɑːgjuːmənt/	The last paragraph shows a weakness in the **argument**.
thesis /ˈθiːsɪs/	The **thesis** is the main claim of the essay.
evidence /ˈevɪdəns/	Use the writer's examples as **evidence** for your answer.
counter-argument /ˈkaʊntə ˈɑːgjuːmənt/	Include a **counter-argument** and answer it.
judgement /ˈdʒʌdʒmənt/	Give a clear **judgement** in your conclusion.
narrative	A **narrative** only tells the story; analysis explains it.
authoritarian state	An **authoritarian state** has one ruler and no free elections.
emergence	The **emergence** of a leader is how they came to power.
consolidation /kənˌsɒlɪˈdeɪʃn/	**Consolidation** is how a leader keeps and strengthens power.
policy /ˈpɒlɪsi/	Each **policy** shows what the leader wanted.
Great Depression /greɪt dɪˈpreʃn/	The **Great Depression** left millions of people without work.

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propaganda /ˌprɒpəˈgændə/	**Propaganda** tries to change what people think.
terror /ˈterə/	Stalin used **terror** to control the people.
long-term cause	Poverty was a **long-term cause** of the revolution.
short-term cause	The assassination was a **short-term cause** of the war.
trigger	Bread prices were the **trigger** for the protests.
Cold War /kəʊld wɔː/	The **Cold War** set the USA against the Soviet Union.
arms race /ɑːmz reɪs/	In the **arms race**, each side built more weapons.
proxy war	The Korean War was a **proxy war** between the superpowers.
origins	Historians argue about the **origins** of the Cold War.
détente	**Détente** was a time of calmer relations.
orthodox view	The **orthodox view** blamed the Soviet Union for the Cold War.
revisionist view	The **revisionist view** blamed the United States.
post-revisionist view	The **post-revisionist view** said both sides were to blame.

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