# World history topics

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| Word | Example |
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| **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. USA |
| **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. |