Period 4: Global Interactions (1450 to 1750)

Directions: Use this study guide to help prepare for our upcoming test. Keep in mind this is not an EXACT list of questions nor topics for this historical period, but yet a broad spectrum to touch on as many topics as possible in preparation for our assessment. Good Luck!

1. Are there continuities and breaks within this particular chronological period?
2. What are the causes of changes from period 3 (trans-regional interaction) and period 4?
3. What evidence do you have to describe these changes?
4. How do greater, global trade interactions impact world political structure?
5. How does changing technology alter point of views of the “outside” world?
6. What are the political characteristics of the period? Examine the Ottoman, China, Portugal, Spain, Russia, France, England, Tokugawa and Mughal political structures.
7. What are the characteristics of African empires in general? Focus on ONE (Congo, Benin, Oyo and Songhai) as an illustrative.
8. What are the changes in the roles of women in households and politics?
9. What are some of the continuities that women continue to face socially?
10. Describe the various slave systems prior to 1450.
11. Explain how these systems change during this time period?
12. Analyze the role of trade within the Atlantic Slave Trade. (Describe the “triangular” system).
13. How did trade impact the demographic profile of the period?
14. Describe the new diseases, animals and crops as well as their impact on various cultures.
15. Describe the Columbian Exchange.
16. How are the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment tied to the Reformation?
17. Compare the global causes and impacts of cultural exchange.
18. Describe the changes and continuities in Confucianism.
19. Compare and Contrast the major developments in the arts (e.g. Mughal and Europe).
20. What are the debates about the timing and extent of European predominance in the world’s economy?
21. How does the world economic system of this period compare with the world economic network of the previous historical time period (Period 3)?