

The Top Ten Final

Create a top ten list of significant topics in world history. The list does not have to be in order of significance. Be prepared to discuss each topic on your list.

Examples of topics:

- Ideas (includes religions, political systems, economic systems)
- Events
- People
- Places

Here are the regions we have learned about:

- Middle East
- Africa
- Asia
- Europe

For each of the topics chosen:

1. Define the topic.
2. Explain the significance of that person, place, event or idea. In other words, why did you choose to include this topic on your list?

Your work does NOT need to be in essay form (intro, transitions etc...). However you need to use complete sentences when explaining the significance of each topic.

3. Create a works cited in MLA format.

4. Class Discussion (during your final):

Be prepared to support your choices with convincing and evidence based arguments. Help us understand why you believe these topics are the most important in world history. Your presentation is worth 20% of the final.

Sample. This example would receive a “C.” It fulfills our basic expectations.

First Agricultural Revolution (c. 10,000 BCE).

Definition:

The transformation of human societies from hunting and gathering to farming. This transition began in the **Middle East** and spread world wide.

Significance:

Farming and the raising of livestock tied people to land. This marked the first time in human history where people began to live in permanent settlements. For tens of thousands of years, the dominant structure of human life had been small nomadic bands (Farah). From this point on, most humans would live in fixed locations that ranged from villages to cities. This in turn led to the development of job specialization, complex political structures, cultural hierarchies, architecture, and the rise of industry and trade (Davis).

Works Cited:

Davis, Craig S. *The Middle East for Dummies: [understand the People, Politics, and Much More; a Reference for the Rest of US!]*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2003. Print.

Farah, Mounir, and Andrea Berens. Karls. *World History: the Human Experience* . NY, NY: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, 2001. Print.

Timeline for finals:

- Week of May 27th: Assign Final
- Week of June 2nd and 9th: finishing up Europe and working on final
- June 13th: TURN IN FINALS. Finals must be turned in to [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com)
- June 16th: 7 and 6 - Scored Discussion
- June 17th: 5 and 4 - Scored Discussion
- June 18th: 3 and 2 - Scored Discussion
- June 19th: 1st period exam - Scored Discussion