**INTERACTION OF EUROPE AND THE WORLD**

* Why have Europeans sought contact and interaction with other parts of the world?
* What political, technological, and intellectual developments enabled European contact and interaction with other parts of the world?
* How have encounters between Europe and the world shaped European culture, politics, and society?
* What impact has contact with Europe had on non-European societies?

**POVERTY AND PROSPERITY**

* How has capitalism developed as an economic system?
* How had the organization of society changed as a result of or in response to the development and spread of capitalism?
* What were the causes and consequences of economic and social inequality?
* How did individuals, groups, and the state respond to economic and social inequality?

**OBJECTIVE KNOWLEDGE AND SUBJECTIVE VISIONS**

* What roles have traditional sources of authority (church and classical authority) played in the creation and transmission of knowledge?
* How and why did Europeans come to rely on the scientific method and reason in place of traditional authorities?
* How and why dud Europeans come to value subjective interpretations of reality?

**STATES AND OTHER INSITUTIONS OF POWER**

* What forms have European governments taken, and how have these changed over time?
* In what ways and why have European governments moved toward or reacted against representatives and democratic principles and practices?
* How did civil institutions develop apart from governments, and what impact have they had upon European states?

**INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY**

* What forms have family, class and social groups taken in European history, and how have they changed over time?
* How and why have tensions arisen between the individual and society over the course if European history?
* How and why has the status of specific groups within society changed over time?