1. What aspects of Europe’s nineteenth-century history contributed to the First World War?
2. In what ways did World War I mark new departures in the history of the twentieth century?
3. In what ways was the Great Depression a global phenomenon?

1. In what ways did fascism challenge the ideas and practices of European liberalism and democracy?
2. What was distinctive about the German expression of fascism? What was the basis of popular support for the Nazis?
3. How did Japan’s experience during the 1920s and 1930s resemble that of Germany, and how did it differ?
4. In what way were the origins of World War II in Asia and in Europe similar to each other? How were they different?
5. How did World War II differ from World War I?

**End of Chapter: Big Picture Questions**

1. What explains the disasters that befell Europe in the first half of the twentieth century?
2. To what extent did the two world wars settle the issues that caused them? What legacies to the future did they leave?