

Essential Questions

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Common Phenomena:

- What are the broad themes that connect this topic with other topics?
- How does this topic fit into a broader historical context?

Enduring Legacies:

- What from this topic endures today (scientifically, culturally, technologically, economically, politically, socially, intellectually, artistically, etc.)?
- How do these legacies reflect the times in which they were conceived?

Transfers:

- How were technologies, ideas, people, and cultures disseminated and diffused?
- What effect did this transfer have on the course of history?

Exchanges:

- When meetings and exchanges occurred between and among different groups of people, what were the results?
- Were the exchanges peaceful or violent?
- Did the meetings alter the characteristics and history of either or both groups? If yes, what were the changes?

Similarities and Differences:

- What were the similarities and differences between one place and another or between one group and another over the same time period?
- Why do similar challenges result in different responses?

Uniqueness:

- How is this history different from other representations of this history topic you have encountered? What is unique about this version of history?
- What is the most surprising thing you learned studying this topic?

