History Exam

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Explain the concept of Dialectical Materialism and outline how Marx used it to describe the course of history.

Give reasons why the Mayflower Compact is regarded as one of the most important documents in American history.

Describe the Mayflower passengers in a few sentences. Were they, as a group, well prepared for the establishment of a colony in the New World?

As a colonial manufacturer of rum in Boston, Mass., in 1764, what is your opinion about your king, George III?

Choose one of the Great Powers present at the Congress of Vienna. Name the representative of the power and its main adversary/adversaries during the negotiations. Did 'your' power reach its aims?

Make a statement on the Reign of Terror. Was it an inevitable part of the revolution or just some sort of excess?

Is it justified to call the new German Empire of 1871 a "mock democracy"? Explain your opinion.

Assess the statement that the Austro-Prussian War of 1866 was a German civil war.

When Austria-Hungary gave Serbia an ultimatum to hand over the assassins of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, everyone expected another short Balkan war. Explain why instead the conflict developed into the First World War.

Use the making of a law as an example to explain the system of checks and balances according to the U.S. Constitution.

According to the German sociologist Max Weber, why should a Calvinist be a better businessman than a Catholic?

What is the story of the "Stab-in-the-Back" Legend, and why is it a legend?

The way from the Wall Street Crash into the Great Depression is often referred to as a 'vicious circle'. Please explain!

Why and in what way was the war against the Soviet Union different from the war in Western Europe and North Africa?

Beginning on May 10, 1940, British troops invaded neutral Iceland and occupied it until the end of the war (no casualties). Can you explain this act of aggression?