**Unit 1: World at 1500**  SOL: WWII.2 and WWII.15

**Themes:**

* By 1500 CE, major states and empires had developed in various regions of the world.
* New intellectual and artistic ideas that developed during the Renaissance marked the beginning of the modern world.
* By 1500 CE, the five world religions had spread to many areas of the Eastern Hemisphere. They had a profound impact on culture and civilization. These religions are found worldwide, but their followers tend to be concentrated in certain geographic locations.
* By 1500 CE, regional trade patterns had developed that linked Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Europe.
* By 1500 CE, technological and scientific advancements had changed among cultures of the world.

**Essential Questions/Possible Writing prompts**

* Where were some of the major states and empires located about 1500 CE?
* What were the artistic, literary, and intellectual ideas of the Renaissance?
* What were the five world religions located around 1500 CE?
* What are some characteristics of the five major world religions?
* Where are the followers of the five world religions concentrated?
* What were the regional trading patterns about 1500 CE?
* Why were the regional trading patterns important?
* What technological and scientific advancements had been made and exchanged by 1500 CE?

**Identifications**

Major states/empires in the Eastern Hemisphere

1. England
2. France
3. Spain
4. Russia
5. Ottoman Empire
6. Persia
7. China
8. Mughal India
9. Songhai Empire

Major states/empires in the Western Hemisphere

1. Incan Empire
2. Aztec Empire

Renaissance

1. Renaissance
2. Michelangelo
3. Leonardo da Vinci
4. Shakespeare
5. Humanism
6. Erasmus

Religions

1. Monotheism
2. Judaism
3. Ten Commandments
4. Torah
5. Christianity
6. Jesus
7. New Testament
8. Islam
9. Muhammad
10. Qur’an
11. Five Pillars of Islam
12. Mecca
13. Medina
14. Hinduism
15. Reincarnation
16. karma
17. Buddhism
18. Siddhartha Gautama
19. Four Noble Truths
20. Eightfold Path
21. Asoka

Trade patterns

1. Silk route
2. Trans-Saharan