**UNIT 4 Global Interactions – STUDY GUIDE**

**(1450 CE – 1750 CE)**

**General Study Questions**

What were the primary changes from Unit 3 to Unit 4?

What were the most significant routes of trade in this era?

What were the primary sources of conflict between societies in this era?

What were the primary sources of conflict within societies in this era?

What strategies did governments in this period utilize to deal with new challenges and demands?

What factors contributed to the success of new empires? Decline of old empires?

What are the sources of power for leaders in this period?

**Western Europe**

What were the primary catalysts for change in Western Europe?

What motivated European exploration?

How did the European economy change in this period?

Causes and Effects: Protestant Reformation

What influence did Renaissance values have on changes in Western Europe?

How did European political structures change?

What impact did the Columbian Exchange have on W. Europe?

What are the primary intellectual achievements of this period?

**Americas**

What factors enabled the European Nations to dominate interactions in the Americas?

What were the primary economic interests of Europeans in the Americas?

What was the impact of the Columbian Exchange on the Americas?

What role did Christianity play in the Americas?

How did the social structure of the Americas change with the introduction of Europeans?

What strategies did Europeans use to govern the Americas?

How were European interactions in South America different than those in North America?

**Africa**

What factors caused sub-Saharan Africa to be a target for slave trading?

What impact did the Atlantic Slave Trade have on Africa?

What impact did Geography have on Africa?

What role did Christianity and Islam play in Sub-Saharan Africa?

How did European interactions impact African political, social and economic structures?

**China/Japan**

What were the priorities of the Ming Government?

What factors caused the Ming collapse?

What strategies did the Manchus use to solidify their rule?

What role did Confucianism play in the Chinese political and social structures?

How did gender relations change in this time period?

How did political power become centralized in Japan? What changed?

How did foreign ideas such as Confucianism and Christianity influence Japan?

What were the primary economic changes in Japan as a result of the end of Feudalism?

**Gunpowder Empires**

What similarities did the Gunpowder empires share?

What were the primary factors that contributed to the decline of the Islamic Empires?

What unique issues did the Mughal empire face compared to the Safavids and Ottomans?

How were the Safavids unique amongst the gunpowder empires?

**COMPARISONS**

Columbian Exchange/Mongol Exhange

Chinese Naval Expeditions/Portuguese Naval Expeditions

Absolutism/Constitutional Government

Gunpowder Empires

Hinduism India/Confucianism China