Chapter 23 Essential Questions

1. Why was the Holy Roman Empire not as successful as other European states in centralizing power?
2. Examine the idea behind the balance of power. How did this concept play itself out in Europe?
3. Examine the wars in early modern Europe. What caused most of these conflicts? What were the results of these confrontations? Who won and who lost?
4. Examine the European witch hunts of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. What factors led to this movement? What were the results?
5. Why were the early discoveries of the scientific revolution met with such resistance? In what ways did these discoveries destroy an old worldview and create a new one? How did their ideas influence the Enlightenment?
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7. What were the foundations of the Enlightenment? Could there be a disadvantage to the Enlightenment emphasis on reason? What, if anything, was missing from this new intellectual universe?
8. What were the principle concerns of the philosophes of the Enlightenment? What solution did they propose?
9. What is the fundamental difference between absolute monarchy and a constitutional government?
10. What aspects of European culture did Peter I seek to graft onto Russian society? What aspects did he reject?