WHAP CH 31 Essential Questions

1. In the Proclamation of the Young Turks, the point is made that “Every citizen will enjoy complete liberty and equality, regardless of nationality or religion, and be submitted to the same obligations.” What was the significance of the Young Turks? What was their main influence? How successful were the Ottoman Turks at reform? Compare efforts at reform among the Qing, Tokugawa, Ottomans, and Russians.
2. Examine the decline of the Ottoman Empire. What factors explain this process? What attempts at reform did the Ottomans undertake? How successful were they?
3. Examine the turbulent years of the nineteenth century in Russia. How successful were Russian efforts at modernization and industrialization? What were the limits of success?
4. Examine the Taiping rebellion. What internal Chinese problems led to the rise of this movement? What role did Hong Xiuquan play? What were the rebellion’s consequences?
5. Compare the reforms of the Tanzimat era with the program of the Young Turks.
6. Why was the opium trade so important to the British? What factors led to the Opium War, and how was this war resolved?
7. Overall, what weaknesses led to the collapse of the Qing dynasty?
8. What factors led to the collapse of the Tokugawa government and the restoration of the emperor Meiji in 1868?