

# Modern Europe

- The Enlightenment
  - After Renaissance- Europeans tried to explain the world with science
  - Copernicus- Polish math guy- Sun is the center of the universe (not the Earth)
  - Galileo- new knowledge could come from careful observations and measurements
  - Scientific Revolution (sweeping change)
  - Reason could bring truth and error to light
  - 1700s- Age of Enlightenment

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- John Locke- English- natural rights- government responsibilities
- 1789- France followed our footsteps- French Revolution- king removed and executed, set up a republic
  - Didn't last, Napoleon took over- conquered most of Europe until several countries united to defeat him in 1815
- 19<sup>th</sup> century- political revolutions- most countries limited rulers and guaranteed some rights to citizens

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- Industry and Conflict
  - Industrial Revolution began in Britain
  - More money, more travel, more food- population growth
  - People moved to cities- overcrowding and disease until mid-1850s
  - World War I (1914-1918) and World War II (1939-1945)- countries compete for power and land
    - Holocaust- Nazi Germany exterminating millions
  - Cold War- Soviet Russia and US as rivals for world power- communism vs. capitalism

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- A New Era for Europe
  - 1989- Communism fell in Eastern Europe- democracies set up
  - 1990- East and West Germany unite
  - 1991- Soviet Union broke up
  - 1993- European Union formed- free trade, common currency