***Major periods in world history***

**4 Contemporary History** (from the French revolution in 1789 up to now)

* **Industrial Revolution (1750s–1900):** The industrial revolution is a phase of social development which saw the growth of mass industrial production and the shift from a largely agrarian economy to an industrial economy based *on coal*, *steel, railways and specialisation of labour.*
* **the first world war** **(1914–1918):** The First World War was a devastating global war, mostly centred on Europe and the battlefields of France and Belgium. It featured troops from across the world and later involved the US.

* **Inter-war era (1918–1939):** A period of peace in between the two world wars. It was characterised by economic boom and bust, and the growth of polarising ideologies, in particular, Fascism and Communism.
* **Great Depression (1929–39)** The 1930s were a period of global economic downturn. Major economies experienced mass unemployment and stark poverty. It also led to the rise of political extremism, e.g. Nazi Party in Germany.
* **The second world war** (1939-1945)
* [**The Cold War**](https://www.biographyonline.net/famous-people-cold-war/) **(1948–1990)** The Cold War refers to the period of ideological conflict between the Communist East, and Western democracies. The cold war saw a period of rising tension, especially over the proliferation of nuclear weapons. There was no direct war between the US and the Soviet Union, but both sides gave support to ideologically similar regimes in minor conflicts around the world.
* **Information Age (1971–present)**
The Information age refers to the new modern technologies which have shaped the modern world. These technologies include computers, the Internet and mobile phones. Key figures include business entrepreneurs, such as Bill Gates and Steve Jobs.

**Terminology:**

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| **English** | **French** | **Arabic** |
| Agriculture/ agricultural | Agriculture/ agricole | زراعة – زراعي |
| Battlefield | Champ de battaille | ساحة حرب |
| Boom | Prospérité | ازدهار |
| Communism | Communisme | شيوعية |
| Conflict | conflit | صراع |
| Depression | Depression – crise | ركود |
| Development | Développement | تطور – ازدهار |
| The cold war | La guerre froide | الحرب الباردة |
| Extremism | Extrémisme | التطرف |
| Fascism | Fascisme | الفاشية |
| Global | Global(le) | عالمي |
| Growth | Acroissement | تطور |
| Ideology  | Ideologie | إيديولوجية |
| Industry/ industrial | Industrie/ industriel(le) | صناعة – صناعي |
| Information | Information | معلومة |
| Nuclear weapons | Armes nucléaires | أسلحة نووية |
| Peace | Paix | سلم |
| Proliferation | prolifération | تكاثر |
| Poverty | Pauvreté | فقر وحاجة  |
| Regime | régime | نظام سياسي |

***All the best***