Chapter 18: The Eighteenth Century

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Key Terms: Create flashcards for the following terms. Include a description and the historical significance for each.
1. Enlightened absolutism
2. Partition of Poland
3. War of Austrian Succession
4. Seven Years’ War
5. Agricultural Revolution
6. Putting-out system

Additional Terms: These are suggested examples to support the big ideas. Make flash cards as needed.
1. Frederick II of Prussia
2. Joseph II of Austria
3. Market-driven wages and prices
4. Bank of England
5. Venture capital
6. Sugar
7. Tea
8. Silks and other fabrics
9. Tobacco
10. Rum
11. Coffee
12. Boudoir
13. Porcelain dishes
14. Cottons and linens for home décor
15. Mirrors
16. Prints

Comprehension Questions: Answer the following questions as we work through this unit.

1. What led to the shift in power in Great Britain from the monarch to Parliament?

2. How did eastern and central European states experiment with enlightened absolutism?

3. What were the weaknesses of the Polish monarchy?

4. Explain the process by which Poland disappeared from the map of Europe.

5. How successful were enlightened absolutist experiments?

6. Explain the struggle for Atlantic influence by European sea powers in the 18th century.

7. How did the British come to dominate India?
8. How did the Dutch come to dominate the East Indies?

9. Explain how the following facilitated the growth of the European population in the 18th century.
   a. Higher agricultural productivity:
   
   b. Improved transportation:
   
   c. Increased food supply:
   
   d. Reduced demographic crises:

10. Why did the plague disappear as a major epidemic disease in the 18th century?

11. What led to the decline in smallpox mortality in Europe?

12. How did attitudes toward and methods of child rearing change in the 18th century?

13. How did the following change in the 18th century?
   a. Rate of illegitimate births:
   
   b. Marriage patterns:
   
   c. Early methods of birth control:

14. What was the impact of the Agricultural Revolution?

15. How did agricultural crops from the Americas contribute to an increase in the European food supply?
16. How did financial practices change with the development of a market economy?

17. Explain how labor and commodities moved from a regulated system to a market-driven system.

18. Explain how the growth of the putting-out system challenged traditional economic methods.

19. What led to the development of a consumer culture in Europe?

20. How did mercantilism survive despite challenges from free market advocates?

21. What was the role of colonies in the European mercantilist system?

22. How did the following increasingly expose Europeans to representations of people outside Europe?
   a. Natural sciences:
   
   b. Literature:
   
   c. Popular culture:

23. Explain how the following transformed the social life of Europeans.
   a. New concern for privacy:

   b. Homes designed with private retreats:

   c. Home consumer goods:

24. How did the Agricultural Revolution lead to migration to cities?
25. What strains were put on cities by their increasing population?

26. How did cities respond to problem of poverty in the 18th century?