**Regents “Cheat” Sheet**

**Here are some common things that students miss on the exam and ways for you to remember them. *Just remember, this is just a guide, not a replacement for studying***.

1. If you see: **M**eiji Restoration = **M**odernization of Japan (or the answer will be westernization, think **M&Ms**)

2. If you see: 3 documents that limited the absolute monarchy = **Habeas corpus act, Magna Carta, Bill of Rights**. Before that there was absolutism in England ... and in France.

Don't be fooled ... **limited monarchy** = **constitutional monarchy**. Same thing.

3. If you see: **Simon Bolivar, Toussaint, San Martin** = those names mean the answer is either "**independence movements**" or "**nationalism**."

4. If you see: **Green Revolution** = go with the **Food** choice ... salad is green, and it is food!

5. If you see: **Boer War, Sepoy Rebellion, Opium War, Boxers** …. choose "**imperialism led to bad stuff**" or "**protest/kick out foreign nations imperializing**"

6. If you see: **Karl Marx** = answer will be **classless society**, or **'capitalism leads to bad stuff**.'

7. WHEN YOU HAVE NO IDEA = CIRCLE "**CULTURAL DIFFUSION**" OR "**NATIONALISM**"

8. WHEN IN DOUBT AFTER THAT ... go with the "warm and fuzzy choice." This is a happy and optimistic choice that sounds like this ... "These cultures exchanged ideas, and had a flowering of creative thought. They gave us mathematics and science." Rule of thumb ... Mr. Regents wants you to understand that places you never heard of have impacted your life positively!

9. When you see “**Renaissance art**” the answer is always **humanism, humanistic**, or **the individual**

10. If you see: **Mao Zedong** then the answer is the **Communist** choice.

11. Why could the conquistadors take over? They had superior weapons and technology! Who came after the conquistadors ... EVERYONE!!!

12. **Development of Early Civilizations** ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS is **River Valley, River**, or **Fertile Soil**

13. **Neolithic Revolution** ... one day a few nomads discovered that if they planted seeds, it would become food. BINGO! Now they don't have to travel from place to place and can have **permanent settlements.**

14. If you see: **Encomienda** = Forced Labor in Native America. No one ever remembers that.

15. If you see: **Peter the Great** ... answer is that he **Westernized / Modernized Russia**.

16. Anything about the **Enlightenment** will usually lead you to the choice that says "**natural rights**." The Regents will favor the writers of Enlightenment more than the scientists.

17. If you see: **The Byzantine Empire** ... know that **Greece + Rome = the roots of Western Civilization**

18. **Ethnic Cleansing, the Holocaust, Khmer Rouge, Tiananmen Square**, **Rwanda**, **genocide** and **Apartheid** are unfortunate events of world history. Essays of this nature have come up. But for multiple choice purposes, the answer usually is, "**human rights violations**."

19. **EU** = **EUROPEAN UNION**. They are now united, and it has strengthened Europe's economy.

20. If you see: **Mansa Musa** ... the answer has something to do with him converting **Mali to Islam**.

21. Questions 1-3 on the Regents tend to have nothing to do with anything ... usually it involves a "physical map," or a map that has mountains and rivers jutting out of it. Or, it is a question about economies/resources or what an anthropologist does.

22. The Great Wall of China was built to keep out invaders from the North.

23. If you see: A **farming question about Native Americans**, know that it's all about **Terrace Farming**.