Social Studies 9

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**The Enlightenment Era**

References: Cranny, M. (1998) Crossroads: A Meeting of the Nations.

Web source: <http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/~crossby/ECW/>

Think about what we’ve been learning in class…use your notes…the textbook will not provide all the answers! Your mind has the answer in there somewhere!

**Questions** from Crossroads, Chapter 1 (p.4-11)

1. Before 1517, what religion did almost all European Christians practice? Why was this the case?

2. What was the Reformation? How did kings see themselves before and after the Reformation?

3. Why did living conditions & nutrition for many Europeans improve after 1500?

4. How and why did European countries develop empires in the 1500s and 1600s?

5. What was humanism and what was the new focus for Renaissance writers?

6. What innovation or invention helped to spread new ideas in the Renaissance? How?

7. Science was changing during this time. How, and what impact did it have on society?

8. Examine the figures (1-1 and 1-2) on p. 4: Which one shows a Catholic Church? Which one shows a Protestant Church? What do you notice? Are they different? How?

9. Examine the map on p. 7: what did the five nations in the key have in common? Why had no nation claimed Australia or northwestern North America?

10. In your opinion, list your top 3 changes….explain (using examples) why your number one pick is so important to history!