

HISTORY FINAL EXAM ORAL TOPICS

1. Democracy in the Ancient Times: Athens and the Republican Rome plus Julius Caesar's attempt to establish one-man rule. The origin and the working of democratic institutions. What caused their failure in their own age?
2. The medieval city and the progress of urbanization in the late medieval age. Guilds in the medieval economy.
3. Stephen I: foundation and formation of the Medieval Hungarian state.
4. Béla IV and the Tatar invasion. Rebuilding the country after the Tatar's invasion. (second foundation of the state)
5. XIV-XVth century Hungarian economic trends under the Angevin and Hunyadi kings
6. The Explorations and their consequences on the population and economy of the known world (beginning of capitalism)
7. Reformation, the counter-reformation and the Catholic Revival (precedents, events, features and consequences: the Baroque style). Compare the teachings of Luther and Calvin
8. Tragedy of Mohács: causes, military failure and the effects of the fall of the medieval Hungarian Kingdom by the hands of the Ottoman conquerors. Tripartition of Hungary up to 1541.
9. The unique ethnic and religious situation of Transylvania (XV-XVIIth century). The Golden age of Transylvania.
10. Hungary's integration into the Habsburg Empire: Demographic changes in the 18th century and the reforms of Maria Theresa and Joseph II
11. Political and constitutional history of the 1848-49 revolution and freedom fight: Revolution in Pest, April Laws, defensive war and freedom fight, dethronement, Russian intervention.
12. The Compromise of 1867 and 1868. The institutions and structure of the Austro-Hungarian Dual Monarchy. The Hungarian-Croatian Compromise
13. The First World War: causes, casus belli, effects and special features of modern warfare. Hungary in the First World War.
14. Challenges of the Hungarian economy and demographic policy after World War I: economic and social effects of Trianon on Hungary between 1920-1939.
15. Dictatorships and Democracies in the 20th century: the Nazi and the Bolshevik totalitarian states to be compared and described.
16. Events leading up to the Second World War. New faces of warfare: the terrors and horrors of the Second World War. Hungary in the Second World War.
17. People, community and society in the Rákosi-era; The "Merriest Barrack", life in the Kádár-era.

18. 1956: revolution and freedom fight, events of the revolution, international background, fall and retaliation.
19. The EU: origins and the process of integration. Hungary in the EU.
20. The functions and duties of the President of the Republic and the Prime minister in today's Hungarian Republic