1) **Alexander the Great** – Classical Greece
   9/29  
   Pupil of Aristotle – Macedonia as the new Sparta  
   Conquest of Known World – Spread of Hellenic Civilization

2) **Saint Francis of Assisi** – Medieval Italy
   10/6  
   Troubadour Saint – Founder of the Franciscan Order  
   Brother Sun, Sister Moon – Claire & the Poor Claires

3) **Joan of Arc** – Medieval France
   10/13  
   Maid of Orleans – Divine Inspiration or Psychotic Hallucinations?  
   The Savior of France – Tribulations of a Warrior Saint

4) **Martin Luther** – Reformation Germany
   10/20  
   Europe’s Most Devout Monk – Religious Revolutionary  
   Renaissance Papacy – Context of Holy Roman Empire

5) **Queen Elizabeth** – Renaissance England
   10/27  
   The Virgin Queen – Crafted Church of England’s *Via Media*  
   Spanish Armada – Set tone for the English Renaissance

6) **Catherine the Great** – Enlightenment Russia
   11/3  
   Architect of Russian Empire – Commission for Social Reform  
   Brought High Culture to Russia – Leading Enlightened Despot

7) **Napoleon Bonaparte** – Imperial France
   11/10  
   Man on Horseback – Paradoxes of the French Revolution  
   Prime Apostle of Nationalism – The Napoleonic Code

8) **Abraham Lincoln** – 19th Century America
   11/17  
   Honest Abe the Rail-Splitter – Frontier Legislator to President  
   A More Perfect Union – The Great Emancipator

9) **Winston Churchill** – Britain in World War II
   12/1  
   The British Bulldog – Prophet crying out in the Wilderness  
   Nazi Challenge – Battle of Britain – “Their Finest Hour”

Grade options:

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Credit: Active class participation, 5-page paper
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