**Key Concepts Unit 7 – Global Conflict 1900 – present**

1. How was the West able to dominate the global political order at the beginning of the 20th century?
2. Why did the Ottoman, Russian and Qing empires collapse?
3. How did states around the world challenge the existing political and social order?
4. What were the causes of WWI?
5. How was WWI the first total war in history?
6. How did new military technologies in WWI lead to increased levels of wartime casualties?
7. Why did governments begin to take a more active role in economic life following WWI and during the onset of the Great Depression?
8. How did the USSR utilize its Five Year Plans to control its economy?
9. How did the West and Japan maintain imperial control over states between the two world wars?
10. What were the causes of WWII?
11. Why was WWII a total war as well?
12. How did new military technologies in WWII lead to increased levels of wartime casualties?
13. Why was there an increased number of acts of genocide after 1900?
14. How did rapid advances in science and technology alter the understanding of the universe and the natural world and lead to advances in communication, transportation, industry, agriculture and medicine?