

## **HISTORY FINAL EXAM ORAL TOPICS**

1. Democracy in the Ancient Times: Athens and the Republican Rome: the origin and the working of democratic institutions.
2. The evolution of the medieval society and state organization: from tribal society through the feudal chain to the estates' society. The working of the manorial system.
3. The medieval city and the progress of urbanization in the late medieval age. Guilds in the medieval economy.
- 4. Establishing the Medieval Hungarian state under the Árpád Dynasty: Stephen I, Béla IV.**
- 5. XIV-XVth century Hungarian economic trends under the Angevin and Hunyadi kings**
6. The Explorations and their consequences on the population and the beginnings of capitalist economy.
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. The unique ethnic and religious situation of Transylvania (XV-XVIIth century). The Golden age of Transylvania.**
- 9. The Rákóczi insurrection: international background plus the causes and the gains of the insurrection.**
- 10. Hungary's integration into the Habsburg Empire: Demographic changes and the reforms of Maria Theresa and Joseph II**
11. Modern ideologies from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The origins, main alternations and key concepts of Nationalism, conservatism, Liberalism, Socialism, Anti-Semitism
- 12. Political history of the 1848-49 revolution and freedom fight: Revolution in Pest, April Laws, defensive war and freedom fight, dethronement, Russian intervention.**
- 13. The Compromise of 1867 and 1868. The institutions and structure of the Austro-Hungarian Dual Monarchy. The Hungarian-Croatian Compromise**
- 14. Social transformation, problems and processes 1867-1914 with special regards to the land division reforms, emigration, "castes", superimposed society, possibilities of social mobility, ethnic minorities, education and franchise.**
15. The First World War: causes, casus belli, effects and special features of modern warfare. Hungary in the First World War.
- 16. Challenges of the Hungarian economy and demographic policy after World War I: economic and social effects of Trianon on Hungary between 1920-1939. The Bethlen Consolidation.**

- 17. Hungary in the Second World War (1939-1945). Hungary entering the war, German occupation, Hungary becoming warzone, account of Hungary's losses at the end of the war.**
- 18. People, community and society in the Rákosi Era and the "Merriest Barrack", life in the Kádár-era. Compare the key features of the Rákosi and the Kádár Era.**
- 19. International background to the change of regime in Hungary and the "Velvet" Revolution and the birth of the modern democratic Hungary.**
20. The UN the EU: origins and the process of integration. Hungary in the UN and in the EU