

Mr. Corner
European History (AP)
Chapter 12 Study Questions

Directions. In thoughtfully answering the following questions, think expansively. What “terms” or “names” are important to the response? Always consider PERSIA.

- What part did politics play in the religious positions of the French leaders?
 - How did the king (or his regent) decide which side to favor?
 - What led to the infamous Saint Bartholomew’s Day Massacre, and what did it achieve?

- How did Spain achieve a position of dominance in the sixteenth century?
 - What were its strengths and weaknesses as a nation?
 - What were Philip II’s goals?
 - Which was he unable to achieve and why?

- Henry of Navarre (Henry IV of France), Elizabeth I, and William of Orange were all *politiques*.
 - Define the term and explain why it applies to these three rulers.

- Discuss the background to the establishment of the Anglican Church in England.
 - What were the politics of Mary I?
 - What was Elizabeth I’s settlement, and how difficult was it to impose on all of England?
 - Who were her detractors and what were their criticisms?

- Why was the Thirty Years’ War fought?
 - To what extent did politics determine the outcome of the war?
 - Discuss the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648.
 - Could matters have been resolved without war?

- It has been said that the Thirty Years’ War is the outstanding example in European history of meaningless conflict.
 - Evaluate this statement and provide specific reasons for or against it.