

Vocabulary

Be doomed to something: to be destined to have an unfortunate and inescapable outcome.

Besieged: surrounded by armed forces aiming to capture it or force surrender.

Breakthrough: a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development.

The Cold War: the state of hostility that existed between the Soviet bloc countries and the Western powers from 1945 to 1990.

Fall prey to: to be vulnerable to or overcome by.

Reawakening: a second or subsequent beginning or rousing of something.

Treason: the crime of betraying one's country, especially by attempting to kill or overthrow the sovereign or government.

Ensnare: to happen or occur afterward or as a result.

Triggered: caused by particular action, process, or situation.

Introduction

Think of the construction of the great pyramids of Egypt or the development of democratic rule in ancient Greece. Recall the innovations of the European Renaissance and Enlightenment — the remarkable flowering of drama and the arts, and revolutionary **breakthroughs** in science and philosophy. These are intriguing and important episodes, familiar to students of history. But haven't you also wondered: *What else was going on in the world?*

Through some fascinating episodes covered in this presentation, you'll gain a deep appreciation of the human experience as it was lived throughout the centuries.

**"Those who don't know history are
doomed to repeat it." - Edmund Burke**