CHAPTER 19 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did Napoleon rise to power? What groups supported him? What were his major domestic achievements? Did his rule fulfill or betray the French Revolution?

2. What regions made up Napoleon’s realm, and what was the status of each region within it? Did his administration show foresight, or was the empire a burden he could not afford?

3. Why did Napoleon decide to invade Russia? Why did the operation fail?

4. What were the results of the Congress of Vienna? Was the Vienna settlement a success?

5. Why did Romantic writers champion feelings over reason? What questions did Rousseau and Kant raise about reason?

6. Why was poetry important to Romantic writers? How did the Romantic concept of religion differ from Reformation Protestantism and Enlightenment deism? How did Romantic ideas and sensibilities modify European ideas of Islam and the Middle East? What were the cultural results of Napoleon’s invasion of Egypt?