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8. Mercantilism in the eighteenth century
9. Society and culture in early modern Europe

UNIT IV

10. The agricultural revolution in Britain
11. The coming of the Industrial Revolution
12. The American Revolution

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