

BA HISTORY SUBSIDIARY
SEMESTER IV

Paper 4: History of the Early Modern World: From the Renaissance to the
American Revolution

UNIT I

1. The Renaissance in Italy
2. The Age of Explorations and early colonial conquests
3. The Reformation in Europe

UNIT II

4. The transition from feudalism to capitalism
5. The rise of absolutist states in Europe
6. The Scientific Revolution

UNIT III

7. The Enlightenment
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

Reading List:

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J.R. Hale, *The Civilization of Europe in the Renaissance*, 1994.

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Howard Zinn, *A People's History of the United States*. Harper & Row, (1980).