

Chapter 18 – Mongol Comparative Essay

Compare the political and economic effects of Mongol rule on two of the following:

China
Middle East
Russia

Also include the overall impact of Mongol rule.

Use the following sources:

- Questions on Genghis Khan Article
- Stearns Book
- Your Textbook
- Additional article on the Mongols from the book "What IF"

Effects on China

Stearns pp. 329-334
Bentley (our text) p. 468, pp. 470-71, p. 472, pp. 475-76

Effects on the Middle East – Persia, Abbasid Caliphate

Stearns – Bottom of pp. 327-329
Bentley – pp. 468-69, p. 472, pp. 475-76

Effects on Russia

Stearns – pp. 326-327
Bentley – p. 471 – Golden Horde

Overall Impact of Mongol Rule

Stearns – p. 324 – Visualizing the Past
pp. 334-336 In Depth
Bentley – p. 470 – Four Khanates
pp. 473-75

Directions for Outline for Comparative Essay

Compare the political and economic effects of Mongol rule on two of the following:
China, Middle East or Russia.

Keep in mind you must support your thesis with specific evidence. This is an overall weakness in our writing so far. Also keep in mind your thesis must state something, take a stand, these are the specific ways they are similar, these are the specific ways the impact on these societies were different.

Remember we are writing about the IMPACT of MONGOL RULE AND Comparing that impact.

I. Thesis Statement

II. Topic Sentence 1 – Political topic sentence – compare the political impact the Mongols have on the two civilizations you have chosen. This topic sentence must support whatever stand you have taken in your Thesis. Your evidence must support the topic sentence. The topic sentence can be a D.C.

A – Supporting Evidence

B - Supporting Evidence

C – Supporting Evidence

III. Topic Sentence 2 – Economic topic sentence – compare the economic impact the Mongols have on the two civilizations you have chosen. Again this topic sentence MUST SUPPORT the Thesis statement.

A – Supporting Evidence

B - Supporting Evidence

C - Supporting Evidence

NOW PAUSE AND LOOK AT YOUR EVIDENCE – Does it specifically support the stand you have taken? Is it showing specific economic or political impact? Does one society thrive under Mongol rule politically while another declines dramatically? Look at your verbs make sure they are PAST TENSE and look at your NOUNS and use different ones for similarities and differences – look at the list of AP Words that Make you Sound Smart from the first of the year.

IV. Direct Comparison - Political

In one sentence how they are similar politically yet different – B.S/ make sure you can explain this with an analysis that immediately follows it.

V. Political Analysis

Don't just state evidence you must tie it all together and explain why the Mongols caused the political similarity or difference – using the word "BECAUSE" helps to ensure you are giving a true explanation.

VI. Direct Comparison – Economic

In one sentence how they are similar economically yet different – B.S/ make sure you can explain this with an analysis that will immediately follow it.

VII. Economic Analysis - Remember connect the cause, the reason why to the D.C.

CCOT ESSAY – Describe the changes and continuities in Eurasia from 1250 to 1450 due to Mongol rule.

This essay is designed to again look at impact, but more from an OVERALL viewpoint. You can include political and economic impacts you found for the other essay BUT you don't have to, you can address social, religious (combine to make it cultural) or technological. The key is NOT to try to cover everything they did focus on a few key aspects and stick to only those topics.