

Essay for Classical Empires

Prompt: Identify and explain one similarity and one difference in how empires kept order and promoted stability within their empires during the Classical Age. Assess which empire was MORE effective at maintaining stability and order.

Directions: Using the Classical empires (Persia, Greece, Rome, India, and Han China construct a well-written essay (introduction, two body paragraphs-, and conclusion)

Format:

A. Introduction:

1. Grabber sentence- gets my attention
2. Definition of empires and common features and challenges they faced
3. Geographical information-location, population, influence on development
4. Thesis statement- either one or two sentences expressing a clear argument addressing the prompt, including all of the topics, including how and why. Make sure you address the so what.

B. Body Paragraphs: (2)

1. Each paragraph must begin with a topic sentence that introduces the topics you will discuss. This must be clear and connect back to your thesis. This includes your TWO concrete details you will address.
2. Empire A-Identify and describe your concrete detail/evidence
3. (2x) Examine your detail through commentary that analyzes your concrete detail and connects it to the thesis. In other words, address how this proves your argument (SO WHAT??) This is your argument/reasoning for your evidence.
*** You need TWO CMs (commentaries) PER concrete detail
4. REPEAT for empire B.
5. Comparison of empire A and B- pretend you are physically laying them side by side and evaluate the similarities or differences connecting this back to the thesis/prompt. Account for the similarities and differences-why are they similar? Why are they different?
6. Transition to your next paragraph

REPEAT

C. Conclusion:

1. **The conclusion is your last chance to make your point clear.**
2. The concluding paragraph consists of:
 - a. A summary of the main points, or a restatement of your thesis in different words;
 - b. Your final comment on the subject, based on the information you have provided.
 - c. The concluding paragraph should be introduced with a conclusion signal EXCEPT “In conclusion...”

Here are some basic principles you should follow to write an effective conclusion:

1. *The conclusion should follow logically from the body of the essay.*
2. *The conclusion must summarize the whole essay, not just one or two major points.*
3. *The conclusion should not raise any new points but must be related to the thesis statement or body of the essay.*

You can use different devices to make your final comments more interesting. Some of them are:

1. Emphasize the result of the ideas in the essay;
2. Offer a solution to the problems stated in the essay;
3. Predict a situation that will result or occur from the ideas introduced in the essay;
4. Make a recommendation concerning material presented in the essay.