

Unit 1: The Global Tapestry, c. 1200 to c. 1450

Learning Objectives and Historical Developments

Topic 1.1 - Developments in East Asia

- **Explain the systems of government employed by Chinese dynasties and how they developed over time.**
 - **GOV:** Empires and states in Afro-Eurasia and the Americas demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity in the 13th century. This included the Song Dynasty of China, which utilized traditional methods of Confucianism and an imperial bureaucracy to maintain and justify its rule.
- **Explain the effects of Chinese cultural traditions on East Asia over time.**
 - **CDI:** Chinese cultural traditions continued, and they influenced neighboring regions.
 - **Illustrative Examples:** Filial Piety in East Asia, Influence of Neo-Confucianism and Buddhism in East Asia, Confucian traditions of both respect for and expected difference from women, Chinese literary and scholarly traditions and their spread to Heian Japan and Korea
 - **CDI:** Buddhism and its core beliefs continued to shape societies in Asia and included a variety of branches, schools, and practices.
 - **Illustrative Examples:** Branches of Buddhism: Theravada, Mahayana, and Tibetan
- **Explain the effects of innovation on the Chinese economy over time.**
 - **ECN:** The economy of Song China became increasingly commercialized while continuing to depend on free peasant and artisanal labor.
 - **ECN:** The economy of Song China flourished as a result of increased productive capacity, expanding trade networks, and innovations in agriculture and manufacturing.
 - **Illustrative Examples:** Champa rice, Transportation innovations, the Grand Canal expansion, Steel and iron production, textiles and porcelains for exports

Topic 1.2 Developments in Dar al-Islam

- **Explain the systems of belief and their practices affected society in the period from c. 1200 to c. 1450.**
 - **CDI:** Islam, Judaism, Christianity, and the core beliefs and practices of these religions continued to shape societies in Africa and Asia
- **Explain the causes and effects of the rise of Islamic states over time.**
 - **GOV:** As the Abbasid Caliphate fragmented, new Islamic political entities emerged, most of which were dominated by Turkic peoples. These states demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity
 - **GOV:** Muslim rule continued to expand to many parts of Afro-Eurasia due to military expansion, and Islam subsequently expanded through the activities of merchants, missionaries, and Sufis.
 - **Illustrative Examples:** New Islamic political entities: Seljuk Turks, Mamluk sultanate of Egypt, Delhi Sultanate,
- **Explain the effects of intellectual innovation in Dar al-Islam**
 - **TEC:** Muslim states and empires encouraged significant intellectual innovations and transfers
 - **Illustrative examples of Innovations:** Advances in mathematics (Nasir al-Din al-Tusi), Advances in literature (A'ishah al-Bai'uniiyyah), Advances in medicine
 - **Illustrative examples of Transfers:** Preservation and commentaries on Greek moral and natural philosophy, House of Wisdom in Abbasid Baghdad, Scholarly and cultural transfers in Muslim and Christian Spain

Topic 1.3 Developments in South and Southeast Asia

- **Explain how the various belief systems and practice of South and Southeast Asia affected society over time.**
 - **CDI:** Hinduism, Islam, and Buddhism, and their core beliefs and practices, continued to shape societies in South and Southeast Asia.
 - **Illustrative Examples Beliefs and practice:** Bhakti Movement, Sufism, Buddhist monasticism
- **Explain how and why various states of South and Southeast Asia developed and maintained power over time.**
 - **GOV:** State formation and development demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity, including the new Hindu and Buddhist states that emerged in South and Southeast Asia.
 - **Illustrative Examples of Hindu/Buddhist states:** Vijayanagar Empire, Srivijaya Empire, Rajput kingdoms, Khmer Empire, Majapahit, Sukhothai kingdom, Sinhala dynasties

Topic 1.4 State Building in the Americas

- **Explain how and why states in the Americas developed and changed over time.**
 - **GOV:** In the Americas, as in Afro-Eurasia, state systems demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity, and expanded in scope and reach.

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- **Illustrative Examples** of state building systems in the Americas: Maya city-states, Mexico, Inca, Chaco, Mesa Verde, Cahokia

Topic 1.5 State Building in Africa

- *Explain how and why states in Africa developed and changed over time.*
 - **GOV:** In Africa; as in Eurasia and the Americas, state systems demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity and expanded in scope and reach.
 - **Illustrative Examples:** Great Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Hausa Kingdoms

Topic 1.6 Developments in Europe

- *Explain how the beliefs and practices of the predominant religions in Europe affected European society.*
 - **CDI:** Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and the core beliefs and practices of these religions continued to shape societies in Europe.
- *Explain the causes and consequences of political decentralization in Europe from c. 1200 to c. 1450.*
 - **GOV:** Europe was politically fragmented and characterized by decentralized monarchies, feudalism, and the manorial system.
- *Explain the effects of agriculture on social organization in Europe from c. 1200 to c. 1450.*
 - **SIO:** Europe was largely an agricultural society dependent on free and coerced labor, including serfdom.
- **Illustrative Examples:** None specifically listed, but be able to make connections between this idea and the topics and illustrative examples for the learning objectives

Topic 1.7 Comparison in the Period - REVIEW

- *Explain the similarities and differences in the processes of state formation from c. 1200 to c. 1450.*
 - State formation and development demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity in various regions.
 - At the Abbasid Caliphate fragmented, new Islamic political entities emerged, most of which were dominated by Turkic peoples. These states demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity.
 - Empires and states in Afro-Eurasia and the Americas demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity in the 13th century. This included the Song Dynasty, which utilized traditional methods of Confucianism and an imperial bureaucracy to maintain and justify its rule.
 - State formation and development demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity, including the new Hindu and Buddhist states that emerged in South and Southeast Asia.
 - In the Americas, as in Afro-Eurasia, state systems demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity, and expanded in scope and reach.
 - In Africa, as in Eurasia and the Americas, state systems demonstrated continuity, innovation, and diversity, and expanded in scope and reach.
- **Illustrative Examples:** None specifically listed, but be able to make connections between this idea and the topics and illustrative examples for the learning objectives