

Concept Guide – Period 1 (1200 CE-1450 CE)

Unit I – The Global Tapestry

TOPIC 1.1 - Developments in East Asia from c. 1200 to c. 1450

Explain the systems of government employed by Chinese dynasties and how they developed over time.

Explain the effects of Chinese cultural traditions on East Asia over time.

Explain the effects of innovation on the Chinese economy over time.

TOPIC 1.2 - Developments in Dar al-Islam from c. 1200 to c. 1450

Explain how systems of belief and their practices affected society in the period from c. 1200 to c. 1450.

Explain the causes and effects of the rise of Islamic states over time.

Explain the effects of intellectual innovation in Dar al-Islam.

TOPIC 1.3 - Developments in South and Southeast Asia from c. 1200 to c. 1450

Explain how the various belief systems and practices of South and Southeast Asia affected society over time.

Explain how and why various states of South and Southeast Asia developed and maintained power over time.

TOPIC 1.4 - State Building in the Americas

Explain how and why states in the Americas developed and changed over time.

TOPIC 1.5 - State Building in Africa

Explain how and why states in Africa developed and changed over time.

TOPIC 1.6 - Developments in Europe from c. 1200 to c. 1450

Explain how the beliefs and practices of the predominant religions in Europe affected European society.

Explain the causes and consequences of political decentralization in Europe from c. 1200 to c. 1450.

Explain the effects of agriculture on social organization in Europe from c. 1200 to c. 1450.

TOPIC 1.7 - Comparison in the Period from c. 1200 to c. 1450

Explain the similarities and differences in the processes of state formation from c. 1200 to c. 1450.

Unit III – Networks of Exchange

TOPIC 2.1 - The Silk Roads

Explain the causes and effects of growth of networks of exchange after 1200.

TOPIC 2.2 - The Mongol Empire and the Making of the Modern World

Explain the process of state building and decline in Eurasia over time.

Explain how the expansion of empires influenced trade and communication over time.

Explain the significance of the Mongol Empire in larger patterns of continuity and change.

TOPIC 2.3 - Exchange in the Indian Ocean

Explain the causes of the growth of networks of exchange after 1200.

Explain the effects of the growth of networks of exchange after 1200.

Explain the role of environmental factors in the development of networks of exchange in the period from c. 1200 to c. 1450.

TOPIC 2.4 - Trans-Saharan Trade Routes

Explain the causes and effects of the growth of trans-Saharan trade.

Explain how the expansion of empires influenced trade and communication over time.

TOPIC 2.5 - Cultural Consequences of Connectivity

Explain the intellectual and cultural effects of the various networks of exchange in Afro-Eurasia from c. 1200 to c. 1450.

TOPIC 2.6 - Environmental Consequences of Connectivity

Explain the environmental effects of the various networks of exchange in Afro-Eurasia from c. 1200 to c. 1450.