

7.1 The Roman Empire

Analyze the causes & effects of the rise & fall of the Roman Empire.

- The empire's strengths & weaknesses
- Lasting contributions of Rome
- Extent of the empire & threats to its unity
- The Byzantine Empire & the split in the Christian church

7.2 Islamic Civilizations of the Middle Ages

Analyze the geography, governments, economy, religious ideas, & social relationships of early Islamic civilizations.

- Geography of the Arabian Peninsula & its influence on Arabic life
- Life & teachings of Muhammad & beginnings of Islam
- Importance of the Qur'an & the Sunnah, key books of Islam
- Expansion of Muslim rule & the spread of Islam
- Growth of cities & trade between Asia, Africa, & Europe
- Lasting influence of Muslim science, geography, mathematics, philosophy, medicine, art, literature

7.3 China in the Middle Ages

Analyze the geography, governments, economy, religious ideas, & social relationships of China during the Middle Ages.

- Reunification by Tang rulers
- Buddhism's spread to China, Korea, & Japan
- Improvements in technology & trade during Tang & Song rule
- Changes in Confucianism & its influence
- China's expansion of trade under Mongol & Ming rulers
- Influence of Chinese discoveries & inventions such as tea & gunpowder
- Power of the emperor & the class of educated civil servants

7.4 Sub-Saharan Civilizations in the Middle Ages

Analyze the geography, governments, economy, religious ideas, & social relationships of Ghana & Mali in the Middle Ages.

- Connections between land, trade, & the rise of Ghana & Mali
- Development of cities in West Africa
- Trans-Saharan trade & its role in the spread of Islam
- Spread of the Arabic language
- Ways Africans handed down their history & culture

7.5 Japan in the Middle Ages

Analyze the geography, governments, economy, religious ideas, & social relationships of Japan in the Middle Ages.

- Influence of neighboring China & Korea on Japan
- Reign of Prince Shotoku
- Feudal way of life & the influence of its warrior code
- Distinctive Japanese forms of Buddhism
- Early Japanese literature, art & drama & their lasting influence
- Rise of a military society in the 1100's

7.6 Europe in the Middle Ages

Analyze the geography, governments, economy, religious ideas, & social relationships of Europe in the Middle Ages.

- The land & its connection to European ways of life
- Movement of Christianity into Europe & the role of the early church\
- Feudal way of life
- Conflict & cooperation between the pope & European rulers
- Developments in the English legal system & government that would influence the rise of modern democratic thought & practices
- Christian crusades & their effect on Europe & the eastern Mediterranean

- Spread of the Bubonic Plague
- Role of the Catholic Church in European life
- Defeat of Muslim rule in Spain & Portugal, known as the Reconquis

7.7 Mesoamerican & Andean Civilizations

Analyze the geography, governments, economy, religious ideas, & social relationships of Mesoamerican & Andean civilizations.

- Geography of Central & South America & its effect on the growth of Mayan, Aztec, & Inca societies
- Roles people played in Mayan, Aztec, & Inca societies
- Aztec & Inca Empires & their conquest by Spain
- Art, architecture, & oral traditions
- Mesoamerican achievements in astronomy & mathematics

7.8 The Renaissance Period in Europe

Analyze the beginnings, achievements, & spread of Renaissance ideas.

- Revival of classical learning & the beginnings & meaning of the philosophy known as humanism
- Italian trading cities & the spread of Renaissance ideas
- Importance of reopening the Silk Road
- New ways to spread information
- Accomplishments of Renaissance learning in art, science, mathematics, mapmaking, engineering, anatomy, & astronomy

7.9 The Reformation in Europe

Analyze the causes, characteristics, & effects of the movement known as the Reformation.

- Turmoil in the Catholic Church
- Ideas of Reformation leaders such as Martin Luther
- Protestant church practices & their influence on ideas about government

- Europe's division into Catholic & Protestant areas
- Causes & effects of the Counter-Reformation
- Work of European missionaries in spreading Christianity
- Golden age of cooperation between Jews & Muslims in Spain

7.10 The Scientific Revolution

Analyze the Scientific Revolution & its lasting effect on Western civilization.

- Roots of the Scientific Revolution
- New scientific theories & inventions
- Ideas of Bacon & Descartes, their influence on the growth of democracy, & how they allowed science & religion to coexist

7.11 Changes in the 16th to 18th Centuries

Analyze the Age of Exploration, the Enlightenment, & the age of Reason.

- Explorers, their routes, & influence of maps on new world view
- Trade in plants, animals, technology, culture, & ideas among Europe, Africa, Asia, & the Americas
- Origins of modern capitalism
- Main ideas of the Enlightenment & their roots in history
- Influence of Enlightenment thinkers on democratic ideas
- Influence of Magna Carta on Declaration of Independence