

Overview

Describe the big picture from 1200-1450 CE in the Global Tapestry.

*State-Building & maintenance of the state are a major theme of unit 1.
What is a state?*

China The Song Dynasty (960-1276 CE)

What innovations kept China an economic powerhouse & helped to unify China in this time period?

Why was the introduction of Champa Rice so important for the Song Dynasty?

What continuities existed in Chinese culture and government during the Song dynasty?

Middle East
Abbasid Caliphate (750-1258 CE)

Describe the condition of the Abbasid caliphate as the Song dynasty thrived.

Which other Muslim States were growing in power as the Abbasids declined?

Who were the Mamluks?

Comparison

Compare the Song Dynasty and the Abbasid Dynasty in this era.

Southeast Asia

In South Asia (India) what new used trade to expand their influence in this period?

West Africa

Mali Empire (c. 1230 to 1670 CE)

How did the rulers of the Mali Empire increase their power?

Americas

Aztec Empire (1428-1521 CE) & Inca Empire (1438-1533)

How did the Aztecs maintain control of their empire?

How did the Inca improve and maintain their state?

Western Europe

What was feudalism?

How did Europe change through this time period and create more powerful states?

Religion and Statebuilding

What was the significance of Islam to state building in the Middle East?

What was the significance of Confucianism to state building in China?

How were Hinduism and Buddhism significant in state building in South and Southeast Asia?

Religion and Statebuilding (continued)

How was Catholicism significant to state building in Europe?

Comparison: What did all major world religions have in common in this era and what effect did they have?

How did the creation of the Delhi Sultanate and the expansion of trade help to spread Islam?

Technology and Innovation 1200-1450

What innovation from China helped to improve education as it spread west?

What was the Abbasid Dynasty's House of Wisdom, in Baghdad?

Pastoralists 1200-1450

What was the importance of the Mongols during this time period?

How did the role of nomadic pastoralists change in this time period?