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POST CLASSICAL

KEY CONCEPTS, IDEAS, MOVEMENTS,
RELIGIONS, PEOPLE, ETC. FOR THE
POST CLASSICAL PERIOD (600-1450CE)

1. MANY MORE SOCIETIES TO DEFINE
2. MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES/NEEDS FOR COMPARISON
3. MORE CHALLENGES ABOUT "CUTTING THE CIVILIZATION CAKE"

**INDIA, CHINA, MIDDLE EAST, MEDITERRANEAN, JAPAN,
RUSSIA, Northwest EUROPE, SUB SAHARAN AFRICA,
AMERICAS**

PERIOD BEGINS

1. Collapse of the Classical Empires
 - a. China, India, Mediterranean
2. Rise of Islam
3. Dominated by growth of Islam & Islamic Merchants

PERIOD ENDS

1. China closing off outside contacts
2. Fall of the Byzantine
3. Outreach of Western Europe
4. Mongol Empire is leaving China (Muscovy)

DOMINANT THEMES

1.

SPREAD OF WORLD CULTURES

- Christianity, Islam, Buddhism
- Significant cultural change in EVERY society in AFROEURASIA

2.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW KINDS OF INTER REGIONAL TRADING PATTERNS

- Sea Based & Land Based
- Primarily East-West
 - Middle East to the Mediterranean
- Also, North-South
 - East Africa and West Africa
- Compared and Contrasted to the Silk Road
 - Brings major societies in better contact with one another
 - Allows RAPID (couple of centuries) transmission of technology
 - Paper
 - Compass

PRIOR to 1000



Separate societies in different parts of the world

AFTER 1000



Increasing contact and mutual imitation

ALL SOCIETIES MUST DEAL WITH CHANGES

- 1st time interregional-ity
- Religions & Trading Patterns
 - Can work against each other (Materialism vs. Religion)
- **NOT DEFINED BY POLITICAL CHANGE!**
 - Significant political movements are simply not a global pattern here!



GENDER CHANGE



- Conditions of Women deteriorating
 - Foot binding in China
 - Sati in India
 - Revival of Seclusion & Veiling (ME)
 - Deterioration in Western Europe
- **IRONY/PROBLEM:**
 - Equality of Souls stressed by Religions
- **CAUSES:**
 - Wealth from trade causes some societies to use women ornamentally
 - (Women's work less needed)
 - Importance of religion distracts them from prospering in other spheres

1st

- Core
- Most developed
- Trade extensively with one another
- ME, N. Africa, China, India, Byzantine

2nd

- Japan, SE Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, NE Europe, W Europe
- Participate actively in regional trade system
- Less sophisticated
- Trading RAWER for more sophisticated products
- Imitate constantly (cultures)
- Alphabets, art, tech, POLITICS
- Japan & China/ W Eur w/ Byz

3rd

- No connections with 1 & 2
- Central America/Andes
- Disadvantaged by no connection

AT THE END OF THE DAY...

MAJOR COMPARISONS

- Compare Japanese & European Feudalism
- Developments in Political and social institutions in East & West Europe
- Analyze the role & function of major societies
- Compare Islam & Christianity
- Analyze gender systems and changes such as the impact of Islam
- Compare the Aztec & Incan Empires
- Compare European & Sub Saharan African contacts with the Islamic World

- Mongols are Gone
- China ends expeditions
- Chinese Economy remains the strongest
- Americas (Az & Inc) beginning to show signs of deterioration
- Japan no longer wishes to imitate

- Russia set back by internal strife ending long period of Mongol rule
- W Eur. new tech from Asia
 - Printing/Gunpowder
 - Disadvantaged in regional trade
 - Don't control the routes
 - Don't have much to trade

NEED TO KNOW

- Arab Caliphate
- Mamluks
- Feudalism
- Manorialism
- Crusades and their impacts
- Viking exploration, expansion & impact
- Mongol Expansion & Impact
- Papacy
- Indian Ocean Trading Patterns

DON'T NEED TO KNOW

- Transition from Umayyad to Abbasid
- Almohads
- Feudal Monarchs (Richard I)
- 3 Field System
- Specific Crusades
- Individual Viking Explorers
- Specific Khanates
- Individual Popes
- Gujarati Merchants