

WORLD HISTORY - K LEVEL

THE POST-CLASSICAL PERIOD, 600 AD - 1450 AD

KEY POINTS SHEET

THEMES

The post-classical era spans the years between 600 AD - 1450 AD, where international exchange and interaction became standard.

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

- Religious and philosophical systems develop and often diffuse through trade and conflict.
- Political, economic, and social systems adapt to provide security and order and to meet the needs of society.
- Trade, war, and migration spread advancements in math, science, and technology.
- Changes and continuities in cultural institutions impact social and political interaction.
- Physical and human geographic factors impact the success of empires and trade.
- Political choices and decisions of groups or individuals have impacted society.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

1. What are the foundations of major world religions?
2. To what extent does religion impact society?
3. How does the fall of classical empires affect the rise of subsequent societies?
4. How are conflicts over differing interpretations of doctrine within a religion and between different religions resolved?
5. How do human interactions impact the spread of technology and ideas?
6. Which political change impacted society the most? Justify your position.
7. To what extent have social and political institutions impacted the role of women?
8. Compare the major world belief systems. Have your views shifted? Why or why not?
9. Who was the most influential historical figure in this time period? Explain your answer.

KEY TERMS

Allah	Ibn Battuta	Eastern Orthodoxy	Great Schism
Hijrah	Songhai	Christianity	Magna Carta
Mosque	Hausa	feudalism	limited monarchy
Muhammad	Yoruba	lord	clergy
Muslim	Benin	fief	Eleanor of Aquitaine
Qur'an	slave trade	vassal	Holy Roman Empire
Shari'a	medieval	knight	House of Wisdom
Sunni/Shia	Middle Ages	serf	Iconoclast
Umayyads/Abbasids	Franks	manor	Joan of Arc
Saladin	monastery	tithe	John Wycliffe
gold-salt trade	secular	manorialism	Reconquista
Mansa Musa	Carolingian Dynasty	Crusades	schism
hajj	Charlemagne	chivalry	William the Conqueror
Ghana	Roman Catholicism	tournament	Bushido
Mali	St. Thomas Aquinas	troubadour	Koryu
Sundiata	Byzantine Empire	Black Death	
	Justinian's Code of Laws	Hundred Years' War	