

# PC

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*

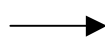
- Christianity, Islam, Buddhism
- Significant cultural change in EVERY society in AFROEURASIA

2.

### *DEVELOPMENT OF NEW KINDS OF INTER REGIONAL TRADING PATTERNS*

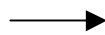
- Sea Based & Land Based
- Primarily East-West
  - Middle East to the Mediterranean
- Also, North-South
  - East Africa and West Africa
- Compared and Contrasted to the Silk Road
  - Brings major societies in better contact with one another
  - Allows RAPID (couple of centuries) transmission of technology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

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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



### 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 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

### 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

- 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

# 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