

# Unit 8: Empire Comparison Essay

## Final Paper

### Empire Comparison Essay Instructions:

To demonstrate your understanding of world civilizations, your final essay will focus on the analysis of the rise and fall of empires/kingdoms throughout the time period in which we studied. Remember, this is NOT a summary of the events or the empire/kingdom, it is an analysis of the similarities and differences. Also, you will be making one last final connection to today's society.

For this assignment, pick an empire/kingdom from each group below and develop an essay addressing each of the following components:

1. Compare and contrast the development/creation of the empires/kingdoms.
2. Compare and contrast the decline/fall of the empires/kingdoms.
3. Explain which of the empires/kingdoms you choose had the greatest influence on our society today. Make sure to provide examples of how this civilization can be seen in our society today.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Babylonian Empire	Tang Dynasty	Ottoman Empire
Greek Empire	Mongolian Empire	Russian Empire
Roman Empire	Ghanaian Kingdom	British Empire
Egyptian Empire	Holy Roman Empire	Spanish Empire
Harappa Empire	Anglo-Saxon Empire	
Shang Dynasty	Kingdom of the Franks	
Kush Kingdom		
Byzantine Empire		

Your paper must be 4-5 pages and include a minimum of 5 sources. All work must be in APA format, including in-text citations and a reference list. If you have any specific questions, contact your instructor.

**Students: Be sure to read the criteria, by which your paper will be evaluated, before you write, and again after you write. The rubric that will be used for grading this assignment is located on the next page.**

## Evaluation Rubric for *Empire Comparison* Assignment

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>Deficient</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
<b>Thesis</b>	No thesis or unclear or incomplete and does not demonstrate an understanding of social studies concepts. <b>0-1 Point</b>	Weak, inadequately developed, and marginally demonstrates an understanding of social studies concepts. <b>2-3 Points</b>	Clear, well-developed, and demonstrates an understanding of social studies concepts. <b>4-5 Points</b>
<b>Supporting Evidence &amp; Analysis for Development or Creation of Empires</b>	Lacks specific, credible, and relevant support OR may include evidence without analysis between empires. <b>0-6 Points</b>	Minimally supported with specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Provided minimal analysis between empires. <b>7-13 Points</b>	Well supported with a broad spectrum of specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Analysis shows depth, multiple connections drawn between empires. <b>14-20 Points</b>
<b>Supporting Evidence &amp; Analysis for Decline or Fall of Empires</b>	Lacks specific, credible, and relevant support OR may include evidence without analysis between empires. <b>0-6 Points</b>	Minimally supported with specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Provided minimal analysis between empires. <b>7-13 Points</b>	Well supported with a broad spectrum of specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Analysis shows depth, multiple connections drawn between empires. <b>14-20 Points</b>
<b>Supporting Evidence &amp; Analysis for Empires with Greatest Influence on Our Society Today</b>	Lacks specific, credible, and relevant support OR may include evidence without analysis between empires. <b>0-6 Points</b>	Minimally supported with specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Provided minimal analysis between empires. <b>7-13 Points</b>	Well supported with a broad spectrum of specific, credible, and relevant evidence. Analysis shows depth, multiple connections drawn between empires. <b>14-20 Points</b>
<b>Clear and Professional Writing and Format</b>	Errors impede professional presentation; guidelines not followed. <b>0-6 Points</b>	Few errors that do not impede professional presentation. <b>7-13 Points</b>	Writing and format is clear, professional, APA compliant, and error free. <b>14-20 Points</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>85 Points</b>