

Period 3: Regional and Transregional Interactions, c. 600 to c. 1450 CE

Key Concept 3.1 Expansion and Intensification of Communication and Exchange Networks

1. How did trade networks in the post-Classical Era compare to the Classical Era?
2. What new technologies, governmental policies, and merchant activities accompanied these developments?
3. What role did pastoral and nomadic groups play in these trade networks?
4. How did the physical size of post-Classical trade networks compare to the previous era?
5. What Classical era trade networks continued during the post-classical era, and which new cities were added during the post-Classical era?
6. What new trade network(s) developed in this era?
7. What new technologies enabled the growth of inter-regional trade networks?
8. What factors encouraged commercial growth in the post-classical era?
9. How did the expansion of empires & trade networks affect the relationship between peoples inside vs. outside those “zones?”
10. What were the effects of migration in the post-classical era?
11. What were the environmental effects of migration in the post-classical era?
12. What were the linguistic effects of migration in the post-classical era?
13. What institutions did merchants create to foster both trade and cultural diffusion in the post-classical era?
14. How did post-classical trade affect the diffusion of literary, artistic, and cultural traditions?
15. How did post-classical trade affect the diffusion of scientific and technological traditions?
16. What were the biological effects of post-classical trade?
17. What new foods, crops, and agricultural practices diffused in the post-classical era?
18. What diseases and pathogens also spread via post-classical trade networks?

Key Concept 3.2 Continuity & Innovation of State Forms and Their Interactions

1. How did state formations develop in the post-classical era?
2. How did post-classical states avoid the mistakes of classical empires in the regions where classical empires collapsed?
3. What new forms of governance emerged in the post-classical era?
4. How & where did governmental diffusion occur in the post-classical era?
5. What technological and cultural exchanges did states encourage in the post-classical era?

Key Concept 3.3 Increased Economic Productive Capacity and Its Consequences

1. What were the overall worldwide economic trends in the post-classical era?
2. What new innovations affected agriculture in the post-classical era?

3. How and why did crops migrate during the post-classical era?
4. How did textile and porcelain production develop in the post-classical era?
5. Why did some post-classical urban areas decline, while others prospered and grew?
6. What roles did cities play in their societies during the post-classical era?
7. How did social and labor systems develop during the post-classical era?
8. What pre-existing labor systems continued through the post-classical era?
9. How did social and gender hierarchies develop in the post-classical era?
10. What new labor forms developed in the post-classical era?
11. Who did some gender roles and family structures change in the post-classical era?