

HIS 301 Module Six Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric

The last three centuries witnessed an utter transformation of the world during the growth of empires, particularly in Africa and Asia. To understand the modern world, you must understand the growth of powerful empires. Select two empires covered in this module’s material: one from the East and one from the West. Explore the methods of expansion employed by these two imperial traditions. What motivated their expansion? You might consider the roles played by political powers, religious doctrine, economic growth, or resources and technology. How did specific empires claim authority over these areas, and what means did they use to control their new subjects? Write a two- to three-page paper comparing and contrasting your chosen Asian or European empire.

Guidelines for Submission: Your paper must be submitted as a two- to three-page Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and at least three sources cited in Chicago/Turabian format. Note: The paper must include two empires to compare.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Comparable Empires		Includes a comparison of empires ranging from the Mughal, Ming, Songhai, Ghana, Mali, Ottoman, or other non-West Empire; and from dominant European empires, such as the French, British, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Belgian, or other empire	Compares empires from the East and the West but none that have been specified for the requirements of submission	Does not compare empires from the East and/or the West	20
Methods of Expansion	Meets “Proficient” criteria and the dominant methods of expansion are substantiated by scholarly evidence	Describes the dominant methods of expansion employed by the chosen empire and explains how each empire took control of its colonies	Describes the methods of expansion employed by the selected empires, but required evidence from primary sources to explain the control taken of each of their colonies is not included	Does not describe the method of expansion employed by the selected empires	20
Imperial Authority	Meets “Proficient” criteria and explanation of imperial ideals used by each empire is substantiated by scholarly evidence	Explains the ideals of imperial authority used by each empire	Explains the ideals of imperial authority used by each empire but requires more evidence from primary sources	Does not explain the ideals of imperial authority by either empire	20
Developed Conclusion	Meets “Proficient” criteria and the conclusions that are developed based on the ideals/traditions are articulated by scholarly evidence	Develops conclusions about the East and West ideals or traditions based on the administrative and imperial structure of the chosen empires	Conclusions about the East and West ideals/traditions based on the administrative and imperial structure of the empires require more structure and scholarly support	Does not include developed conclusions	20

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Articulation of Response	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	20
Earned Total				100%	