

AP WORLD HISTORY
NOTES

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Chapter 1

SECTION ZERO - FOUNDATIONS

1.1 Governance (and Geographic Orientation)

1.1.1 Forms of governments

Definition 1.1.1: Monarchy

Rule by a central leader

Definition 1.1.2: Oligarchy

Rule by a small elite

Definition 1.1.3: Empires

Governments created by acquiring new territory by military conquest or diplomatic pressure.

Definition 1.1.4: State building techniques

- Writing of law codes
- The development of bureaucracies and systems of tax collection
- A reliance on elite classes (such as aristocratic nobles or state officials)
- The creation of infrastructure for transport and communications
- The mobilization of labor
- The use of religion and other sociocultural norms to justify the right to rule.

Definition 1.1.5: Categories of governments

- Centralized
- Decentralized

Chapter 2

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2.1 Broad Themes - Governance (1200-1450)

2.1.1 Europe:

- Feudal monarchies vs. experiments with city state rule
- Papal-imperial struggle and the medieval ideal of Christianity
- Mongol rule over Russia (Golden Horde)
- Centralization in Byzantium (Constantinople) vs. fall to Ottoman conquest (1453)

2.1.2 Middle East:

- Abbasid Caliphate (Baghdad) peaks in 800s and fragments over 900s
- Dar al-Islam and "circle of justice"
- Sharia law
- Mongol Il-Khanate (mid 1200s to mid 1300s)
- Ottoman Empire (1299-1922) and conquest of Byzantium (1453)

2.1.3 Africa:

- Ghana (800-1200)
- Mali (Timbuktu, mid 1200s-1600s, Mansa Musa in 1300s)
- Hausa Kingdoms
- Ethiopia
- Great Zimbabwe (1000-1400)
- Swahili city-states

2.1.4 East (and Central) Asia:

- Song dynasty (960-1279)
- Mandate of heaven and bureaucracy (civil service exam)
- Yuan (Mongol) dynasty (1271 - 1368)
- Ming dynasty (1368 -1644)

- Chagatai (Mongol) khanate in Central Asia (1200s - mid 1600s)
- breakdown of Heian regime (794-1185) in Japan

2.1.5 South (and Southeast) Asia and Oceania:

- Post-Gupta disunity in India (600-1200)
- Incursion of Delhi Sultanate (1206 - 1526) vs. Resistance of Hindus states
- Sinhalese dynasties in Sri Lanka
- Khmer Empire (800s - 1400s) and Sukhothai kingdom (1200s - 1400s)
- Srivijayan Empire (500s-1100s) and Majapahit (1293-1500) City states in Southeast Asia (Malay sultanates, Melaka)

2.1.6 Americas:

- Mississippian culture(Cahokai, 700-1500)
- City states in Mesoamerica (legacy of Maya, 250-900 and Toltecs, 800s-1100s)
- Aztecs
- Andean city states
- Chimú empire